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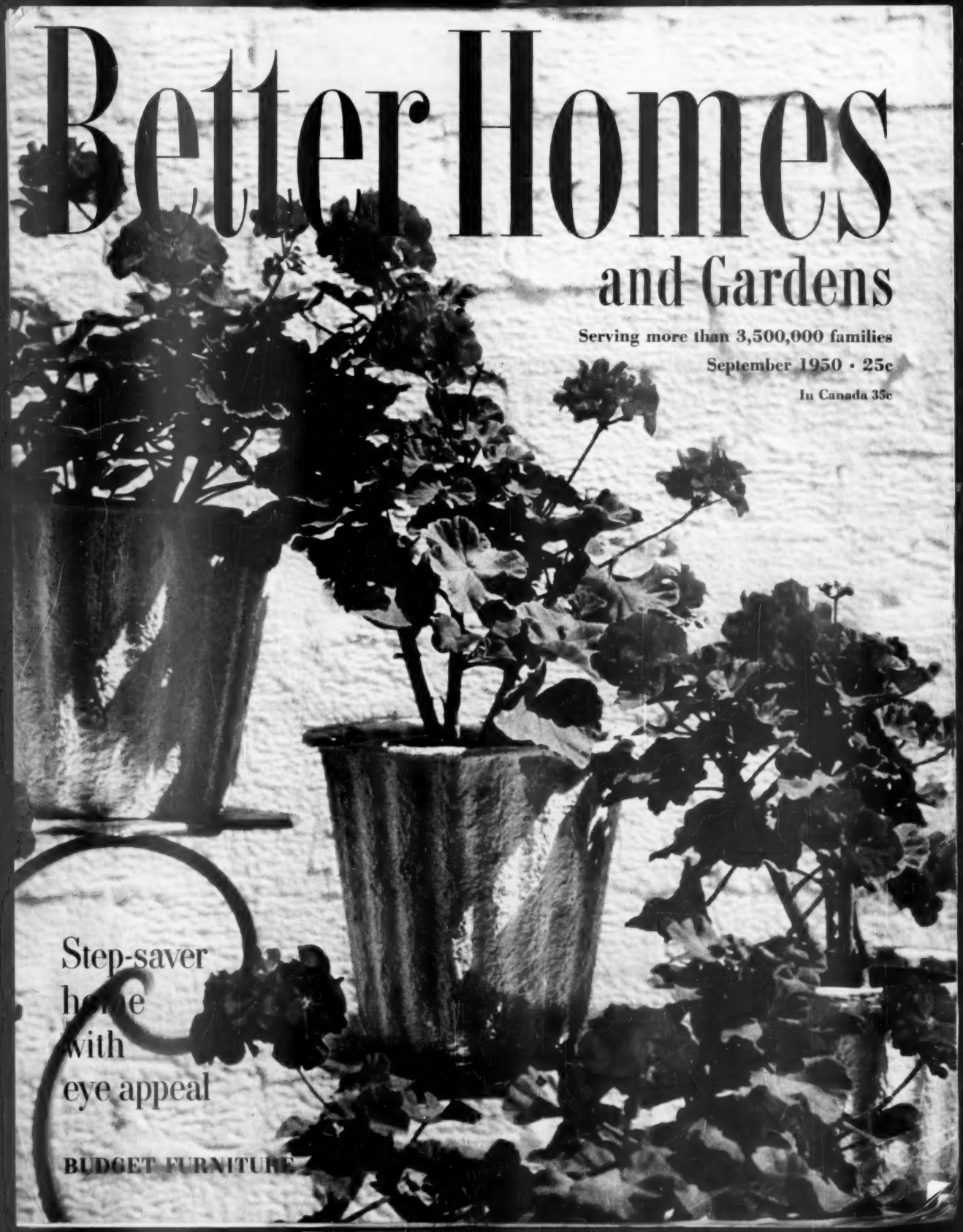

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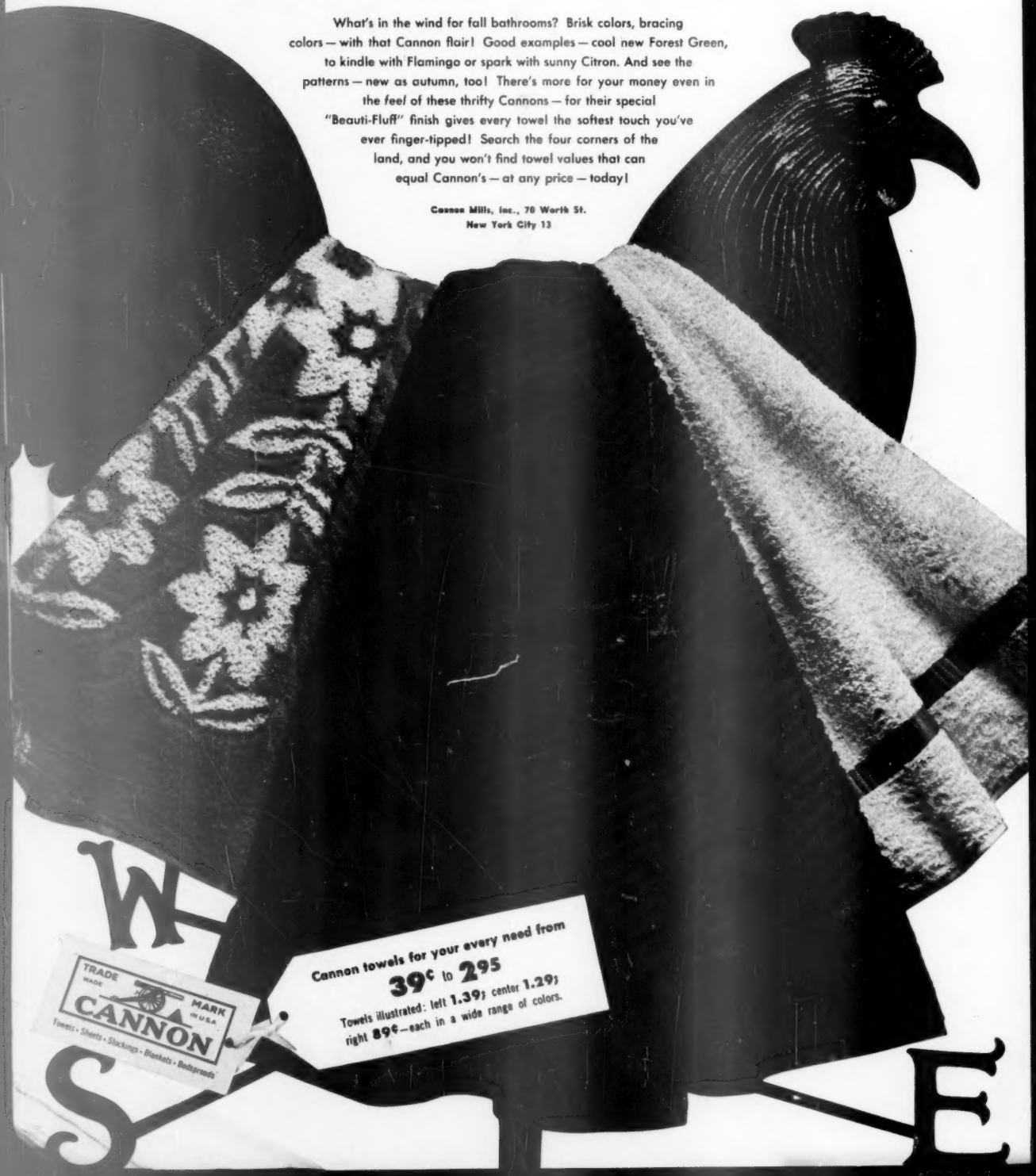

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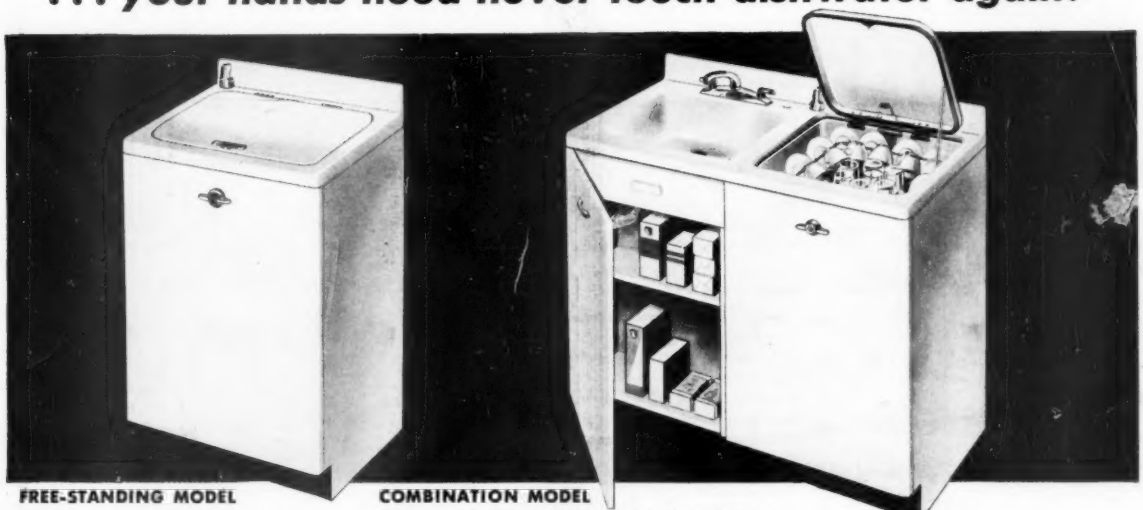

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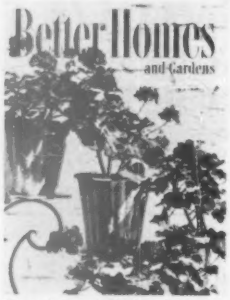

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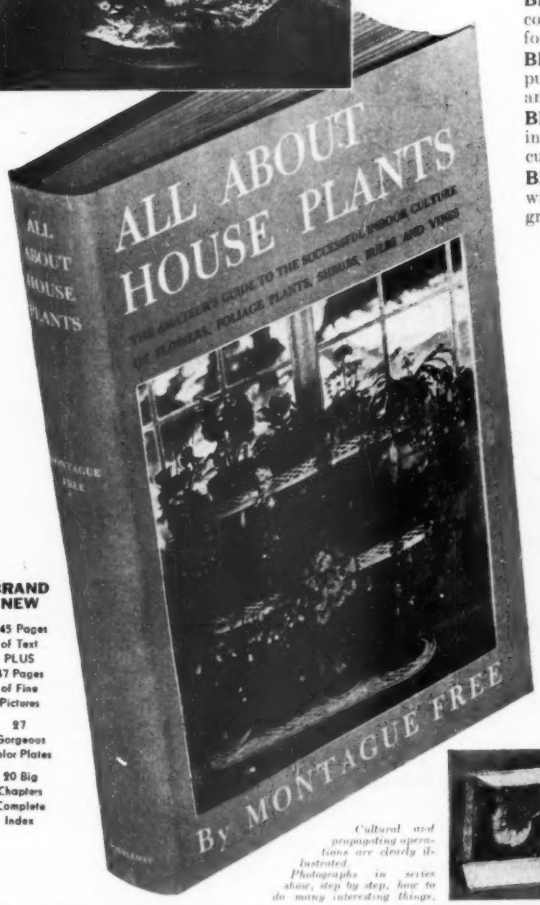

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By Myron Stearns

When Margaret Mitchell, the famous author of *Gone With the Wind*, was killed in a traffic accident last year, newspapers all over the country erupted in vehement editorials about it. Such a senseless, needless killing! Magazine articles were written about it. The young taxi driver who killed her was publicly damned in a hundred places—and then let off with a light sentence. The fact that he had been convicted of 22 previous traffic offenses, and had still been allowed to drive was spotlighted with shocked amazement.

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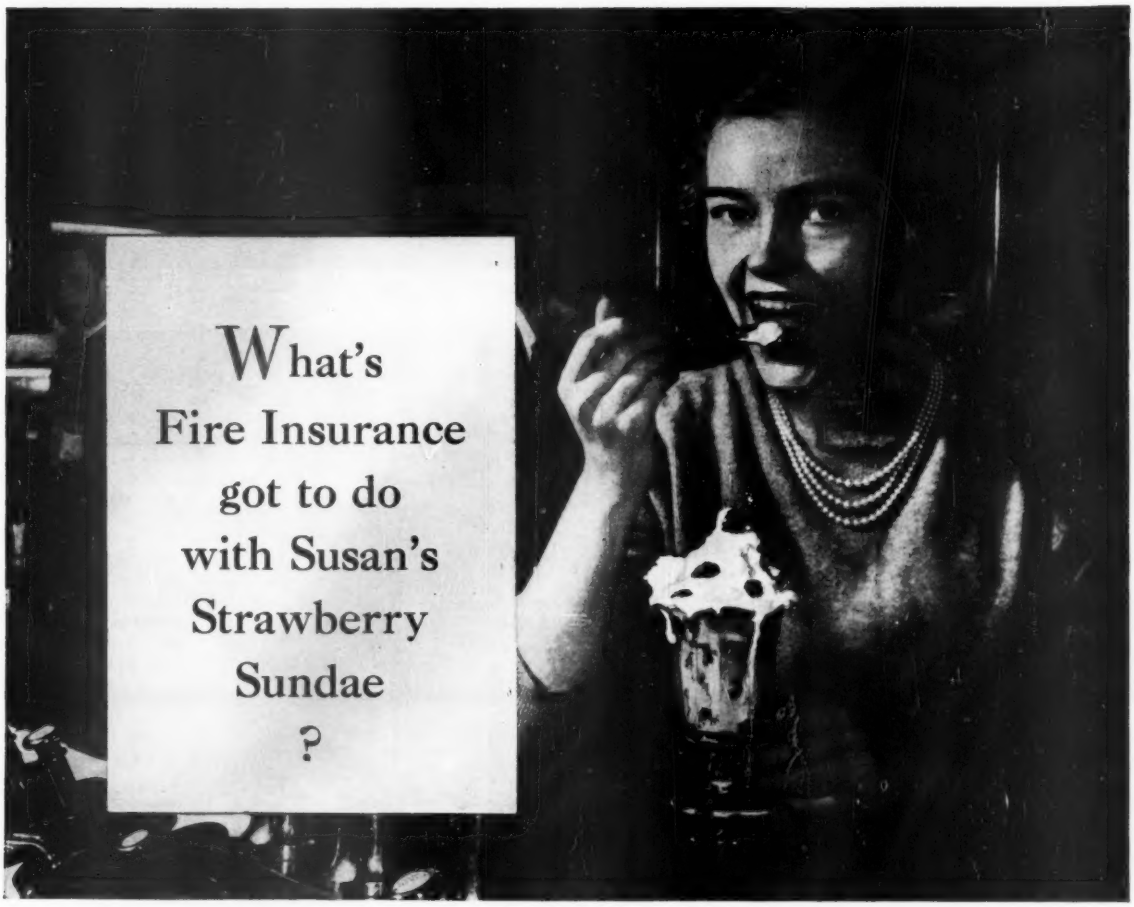
The Mitchell case wasn't on front pages all over the country because a woman was killed by a bad driver, but because, out of more than 30,000 other highway homicides, *she* happened to be a famous novelist familiar to the reading public.

As for the taxi driver who killed her, he is duplicated by hundreds, and thousands, and tens of thousands of other careless drivers all over the country—with very little being done about it. If one of them hits and kills your wife or one of your kids, he may not incur a severe penalty. There are plenty who don't.

A motor vehicle commissioner in a jurisdiction that prides itself on its wonderful "safe" highway record—which means simply that it isn't as bad as most other jurisdictions—recently [*Turn to page 232*



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By Bob Jones

Work in a dust-free, well-ventilated room if you want results like this when you enamel furniture

Fill imperfections. Before you apply any finish, look for splits, nail holes, or open joints. Use nonshrinking wood putty to butter slightly more than full. Let filler dry, then sand smooth. Finish won't conceal such imperfections; instead, it will emphasize them

Sand all surfaces. Go over piece with No. 1/0 sandpaper. Round sharp corners slightly so finish won't chip. Use sandpaper holder or block for even contact on large areas. Sand with the wood's grain; cross-grain sanding scratches. Dust with turpentine-soaked rag

unfinished furniture

See "Unfinished furniture," page 52

Seal wood. Apply wash coat of shellac, diluted half-and-half with denatured alcohol. This will hide grain. Brush shellac on rapidly. When dry, smooth lightly with No. 3/0 steel wool; shellac will clog sandpaper. Use vacuum cleaner to dust away particles of steel wool

Tint undercoat. If you plan a single finishing coat of dark enamel, tint undercoat. Use oil color, or mix ¾ undercoat with ¼ enamel. Undercoat needs thorough stirring. Pour off top oil; stir pigment; then stir oil in slowly. Finally, pour from one container to another

Photographs: Stanley

Masking tape. To stop finish coats on a straight line, use masking tape. Here, drawer front will be enameled, not inside of drawer. Remove tape before finish hardens. If hidden parts are not finished, give them a coat of shellac, thus controlling swelling and shrinking

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Enamel unfinished furniture

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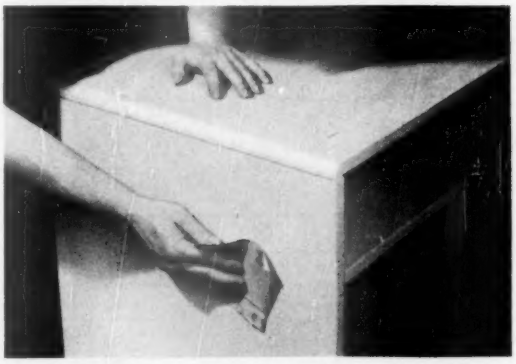
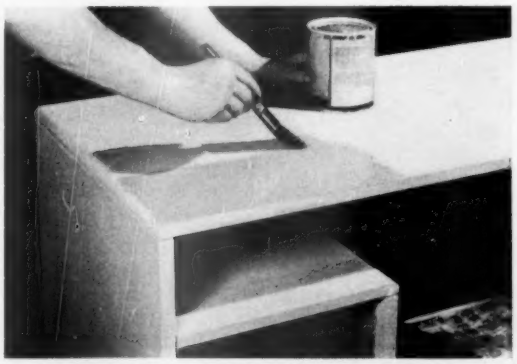
Apply undercoat. Enamel undercoat is high in hiding power. Brush it out thoroughly, avoiding a heavy, gummy coat. Brush out runs and sags before they harden. Don't overload brush. Start painting at top. (Exception—chairs, which you invert so you can do rungs and legs first)



Smooth undercoat. Let undercoat dry 24 hours, longer if weather is muggy. Then go over piece with No. 3/0 sandpaper to remove bumps and level lap marks. Use light touch; it is easy to cut through soft undercoat. Most undercoaters will powder off without clogging. Dust carefully



Apply enamel. Flow enamel on in small squares, then smooth with light cross-brushing. Work rapidly; don't overbrush. If enamel starts to set before you finish brushing, brush marks will show. Dip only half of the brush and apply with a light touch, using just the tip of the bristles

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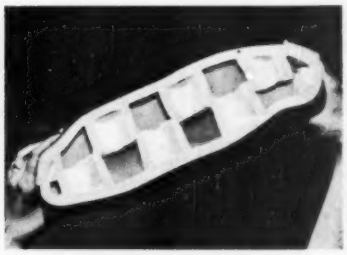

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What steps you take for protection depend on the amount of snow and rain where you live, on the type of soil you have, and on whether you have a basement.

To get water from roof to ground sounds easy, but it's where many people go wrong. If your soil is sandy, if you rarely have heavy rains, if your roof has a broad overhang on all sides, and if your house sits on a knoll with ground sloping away on all sides, you probably won't need gutters.

Otherwise, gutters—whether of wood, copper, aluminum, or galvanized iron—are a maintenance-saving must. They keep water away from footings, preventing position-shifting that causes cracked walls and poorly fitting doors.

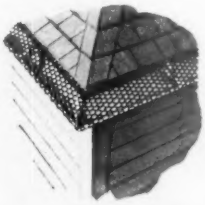
How to get water from roof to ground

When you attack the problem of water disposal, you have three choices: first, to let the water run off your roof into gutters and through downspouts to the ground; second, let rain water and melted snow drip off eaves, but prepare the ground for this concentrated downpour; or third, decide you aren't going to do anything. The last is usually the most expensive answer of all.

Gutters are made either half-round or molded, and downspouts either round or rectangular. Both will do the job for which they are made. Rounded gutters and leaders are slightly cheaper, but they aren't as effective in increasing the beauty of a contemporary home.

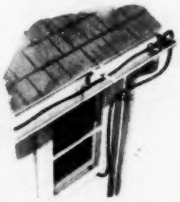
To do the job right, you need a gutter at the eave of every roof that will shed water, and at least one downspout for every run of gutter. There is no set rule on the number and exact location of downspouts. Generally speaking, though, you should have a downspout at each outside corner of the house, and each spout should drain not more than 20 feet of gutter on each side of the spout.

How to keep gutters working



Leaves that fall into gutters and become matted by rain can effectively stop them up. To keep out leaves, buy some chicken wire at your hardware store, tuck and fasten it to the roof under the first row of shingles, and hook it over the gutter's edge.

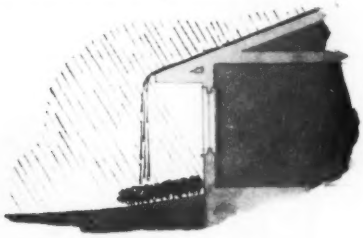
To keep melting snow from freezing as it hits cold gutters, causing them to overflow or forcing water up under your roof, buy an electric de-icing coil. Lay the coil the length of your gutter, and when ice forms, plug the coil into an electric outlet. Ice is soon gone.



for good

By C. W. Lincoln

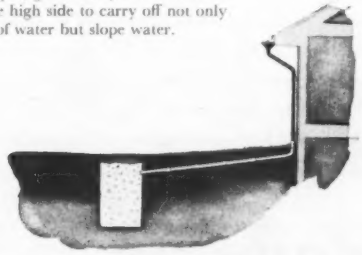
Why not let water drip off eaves?



You can, if you don't mind the holes it will dig in lawn or garden and the mud that will splash up on your house. But if you don't want gutters, and take pride in the looks of your house, first grade away from foundation walls. Then cover the areas to be soaked with something that will let water seep in slowly, such as gravel.

Lay coarse gravel around entire house for a distance of at least six inches farther from the house than the eave overhang. Ground should continue to slope down for at least five feet from the house, dropping a minimum of four inches in that distance below grade level at the foundation line. Plant ground ivy to cover the gravel.

Water that comes spurting from a downspout or leader can be directed underground, or onto the ground from splash blocks set as bases of downspouts to pitch water away from the house. You'll need to grade away from splash blocks so water won't puddle nearer the house than five feet. If your lot slopes, grade away from house on the high side to carry off not only roof water but slope water.



To carry water underground, fit downspouts into clay tile just above ground level, and run tile into a dry well. You can dig a well with a trenching spade or powered trench digger. At the low point of your land, dig a trench a foot wide and a foot deeper than the depth of the footings of the house. Fill the trench to within six inches of grade with stone, gravel, and sand. Then fill with earth, and sod to conceal well.

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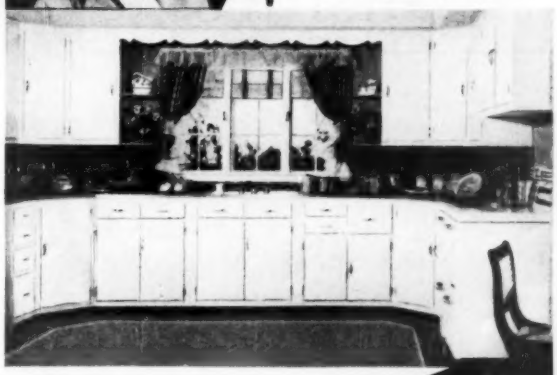

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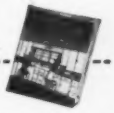

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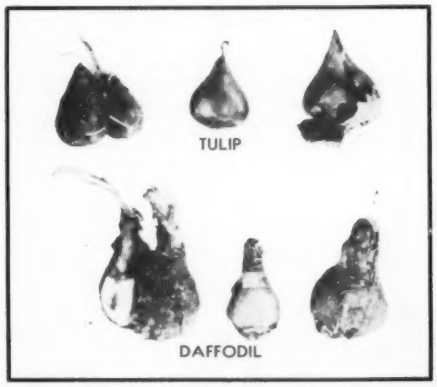
Bulb questions

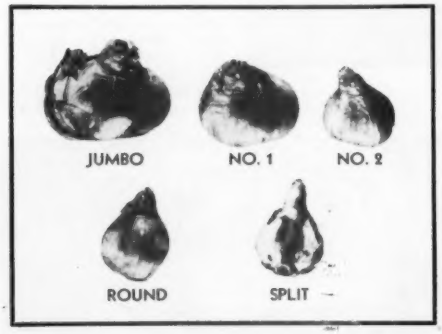
Q *A friend gave me daffodil and tulip bulbs which are in clusters, composed of both large and small bulbs. How should I plant them?* *J. D., Illinois*



Break the bulb cluster apart before you plant, for best results. Tulip and daffodil clusters are shown above before and after separation. Keep the large and small sizes separate when planting. Don't expect good bloom from tulip bulbs less than ¾ inch in diameter. Replant daffodils at once; tulips can wait a few weeks if you like.

Large tulip bulbs should be planted with bases 6 inches deep in medium heavy soils and can be deeper in light soils. To grow smaller bulbs to blooming size, line out in rows and cover with soil 3 inches deep. Dig and sort sizes again next fall. For daffodils see below:

Q *What results can I expect from the different sizes of daffodil bulbs I've read about?* *L. J., Ohio*



The sizes of daffodil bulbs commonly recognized by bulb growers are shown above. You can expect three blooms from Jumbo bulbs, two from No. 2 bulbs, and one from No. 1 bulbs. Sometimes more blooms are produced by these sizes. One bloom can be expected from Round; but it is a gamble if you get any bloom from a Split. Round is a popular size for forcing indoors. Since one fine bloom is produced, a more uniform display results than from the larger sizes. Larger sizes often develop grassy foliage.

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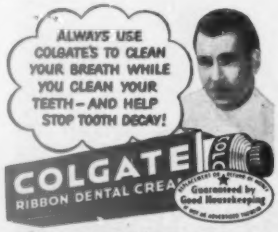

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The Rutlins show you

How to get a home at half-price

By A. Randall Priestley

In Carle Place, Long Island, live two people who have found out how to beat the high cost of building.

Their proof is a neat, well-built brick home, and a set of records that shows it cost them only about $7,000. Their lowest bid from a contractor had been $15,000.

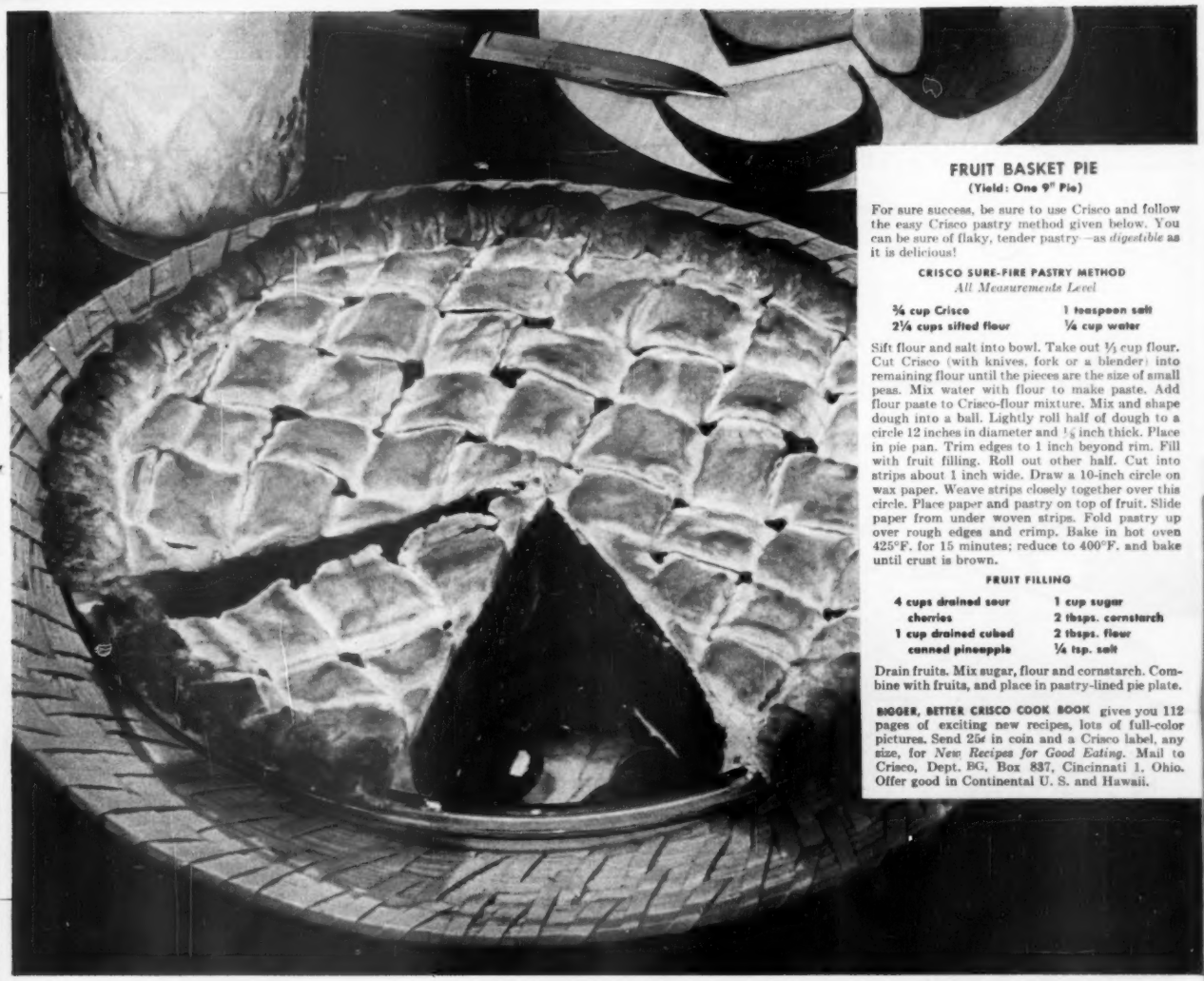
This couple—Leonard and Gloria Rutlin—didn't develop a revolutionary building technique, nor stumble onto a new material that let them hoist up a wall at a time. Leonard is an artist with an advertising agency; Gloria knows the skills that go with homemaking.

But they did find for themselves what thousands of other couples have learned the past few years: that there is time in the hours after work, weekends, and vacations for one to accomplish a major building project. And that there [*Turn to page 284*

Photographs: Richard Averill Smith

How to get a house at a discount. Roofing was only one of many trades Leonard and Gloria Rutlin learned in building their own home. But their forced-draft education saved them more than $7,500—and they're living in the home of their own they designed

To learn how to lay their home's cinder block and brick walls, the Rutlins bought a book and watched a professional bricklayer for an hour. They say brickwork was "the simplest task on our house." Garage is being built at left



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¾ cup Crisco	**1 teaspoon salt**
2¼ cups sifted flour	**¼ cup water**

Sift flour and salt into bowl. Take out ⅓ cup flour. Cut Crisco (with knives, fork or a blender) into remaining flour until the pieces are the size of small peas. Mix water with flour to make paste. Add flour paste to Crisco-flour mixture. Mix and shape dough into a ball. Lightly roll half of dough to a circle 12 inches in diameter and ⅛ inch thick. Place in pie pan. Trim edges to 1 inch beyond rim. Fill with fruit filling. Roll out other half. Cut into strips about 1 inch wide. Draw a 10-inch circle on wax paper. Weave strips closely together over this circle. Place paper and pastry on top of fruit. Slide paper from under woven strips. Fold pastry up over rough edges and crimp. Bake in hot oven 425°F. for 15 minutes; reduce to 400°F. and bake until crust is brown.

FRUIT FILLING

4 cups drained sour cherries	**1 cup sugar**
1 cup drained cubed canned pineapple	**2 tbsps. cornstarch**
	2 tbsps. flour
	¼ tsp. salt

Drain fruits. Mix sugar, flour and cornstarch. Combine with fruits, and place in pastry-lined pie plate.

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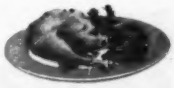

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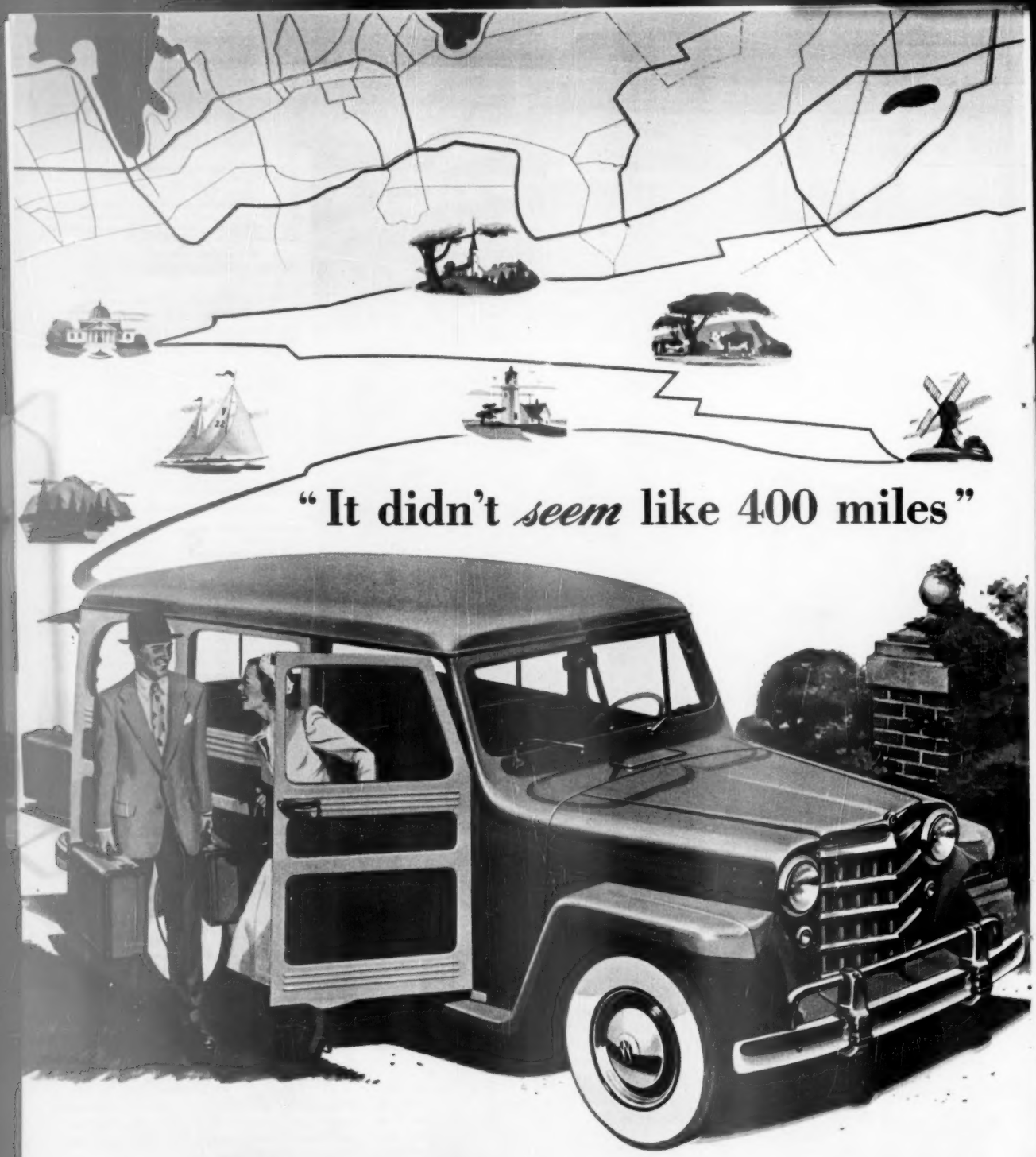

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By Barbara Baird

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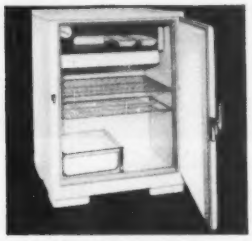

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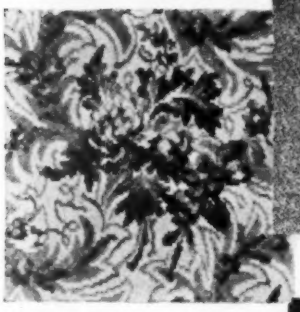

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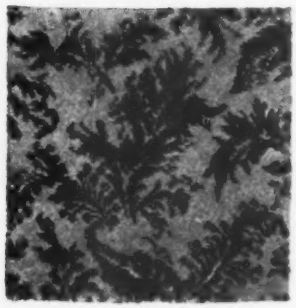

*Using the 9' x 12' size as a gauge, the Floor-Plan patterns on this page are priced from about $85 to $135.**

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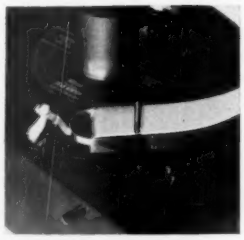
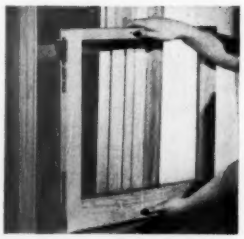
Household tool is equipped with blades for cutting linoleum, rubber tile, wallboard, insulation board, plasterboard, asphalt shingles; can be used to strip wires, prune shrubs, cut wallpaper. Three reversible, double-edged blades fit inside handle when not in use, can be mounted for cutting in a few seconds. Precision ground, carbon steel blades. *All-Kraft Handle and Three Blades*, $1.59, in stores. All-Kraft, 2600 E. Douglas, Des Moines, Iowa.



Record cleaning brush attaches to tone arm, automatically removes dust as phonograph plays. Prolongs record life, improves tone quality, reduces needle shock, and helps eliminate self-generated static in plastic records. Adaptable to any model tone arm operating at any speed. *Record Brush*, $1, in stores. Zim Products Co., 6722 Devonshire Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Left-handed can opener, developed especially for southpaws, has operating mechanism on the right side and the handle on the left, the reverse of regulation models. Finished in red and polished chromium. *Swing-A-Way Left-Handed Can Opener*, $3.98, in stores. Swing-A-Way Mfg. Co., 4100 Beck Ave., St. Louis 16, Mo.



Window balancer replaces sash cords and spring balancers, and makes it possible for you to remove window sash quickly for washing, painting, reglazing. Balancer takes rattle out of windows, makes window operate smoothly in wet or dry weather. Spring in shoe allows sash to be compressed against jamb and snapped in or out. *Kwik-Out Window Balance*, $1.65, set of 4, at lumber or hardware dealers, or from manufacturer. R.C.S. Tool Sales Corp., Chalstrom Bldg., Joliet, Ill.

Cutting board makes it easy to lay out patterns, pin, and cut. Surface is marked off in inch-square grid pattern so material can be laid out, folded accurately lengthwise, crosswise, or on the bias. Pins hold fabric to the board. *Dritz Cutting Board*, measures 40"x72" and can be folded for storage, $2.98, in stores. John Dritz & Sons, 1115 Broadway, New York 10, N. Y.

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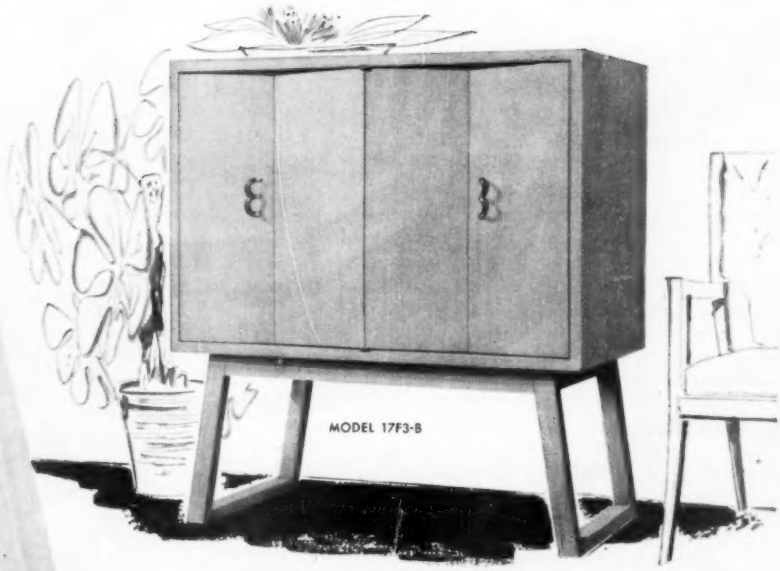
Motorola TV



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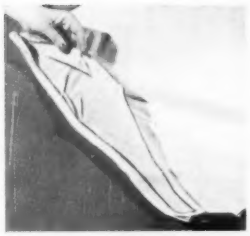
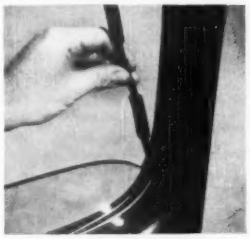
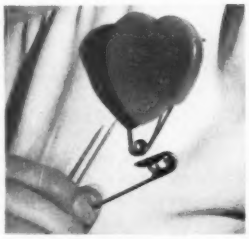


Pillow cover of nylon with coated backing is dustproof, odorless, rustleproof, waterproof. Cover is cool, soothing, suitable for sufferers from hay fever, sinus, and dust allergies. Soft, pliable nylon is easily washed, won't crack, peel, or stiffen. *Minkplastic Pillow Cover;* white, pastel pink, blue, green, maize, with slide closing; $2.69 each, in stores. Minkplastic Corp., 855 Sixth Ave., New York 1, N.Y.



Steel-and-felt strip relines car-window channels where glass is loose, eliminating rattles, rain seepage, and the danger of glass breaking. Installed in a few minutes without tools. Fits cars with divider bars that support both edges of the glass. *Window-Tite,* 75c per strip, in stores. Wright-Hall Products, Inc., 852 South Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles 35, Calif.

Zippered openings on both sides of plastic garment bag make it easy to slip clothes off and on hangers. Just grasp shoulders of jacket or dress and slide into bag onto hanger. Hang bag in car when traveling; clothes are easily accessible. Man's or lady's garment bag in black or pastel shades. *Three-Garment Travel Bag,* in stores; $2.75, for man's size; $3.50, lady's size. Laminet Cover Co., 14 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 2, Ill.



Safety-pin holder fastened on Mother's dress dispenses two diaper pins when needed. The open pins are dropped into the holder through a slot in the top when they are taken out of the diaper, easily pulled out at bottom for fastening fresh diaper. Eliminates misplaced safety pins, discourages baby from imitating mother who puts safety pins in her mouth. *Safety-Pin Holder,* 29c, in stores. Safety-Pin Holder, P. O. Box 398, Station A, Bakersfield, Calif.

Self-sharpening scissors have special pin that tightens blades as you cut, honing them against each other. Shears are held tightly enough so they will not pull or catch fabric as blades are sharpened, yet not so tight as to bind. Nickel-plated, surgical-steel *Scissors,* $3.95 for 8" style illustrated, in stores. Marvel Shear Corp., 4811 S. E. Powell, Portland 6, Oreg.

Telescoping closet keeps clothes safe from moths, dust, and dirt. Top slides off and on, seals at center joint with pressure tape supplied with closet. Easy to move around, closet is tape-reinforced cardboard with wood hanging bar. Top has eye-level window. Holds from 6 to 12 hangers, stands 54" high. *Klos-ette,* $4.95, in stores or from manufacturer express collect Kerk Guild, Inc., Whitesboro, N.Y.

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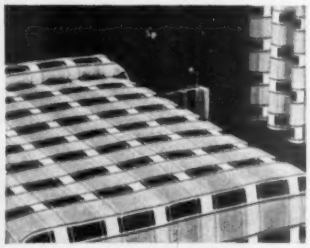

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WHAT'S NEW
in home furnishings

By Florence Byerly

Your home town may be hundreds of miles from Chicago where the big Home Furnishings Markets are held twice yearly, but the things shown there last summer will definitely affect your buying plans this winter:

If you're in the market for a rug . . . look for the new synthetic fibers which are the carpet mills' answer to soaring prices on carpet wools from Argentina and China. In popular twisted weave, a blend of half wool and half synthetic fiber will sell for about $8 a square yard. Another maker sells a 100-percent synthetic Axminister for about $6, or less than $75 for a 9x12 rug. Technically, the man-made fiber is a rayon, but by laboratory test it's four or five times tougher than apparel rayon and equals wool in resistance to soil and wear. A few of the new rugs should be in stores this winter but you'll probably have to ask a salesman to point them out because colors, weaves, and designs look exactly like wool. In 1951, as much as 10 to 20 percent of total carpet production will be in synthetics, but this is only the beginning. Carpet experts predict that some day American mills can become almost independent of foreign wool markets. That's good news to the homeowner on a budget!

Cotton rugs in beautiful, clear colors grow increasingly popular, even for wall-to-wall use. There's a new line of patterned shag in two-tone colors for about the same price you used to pay for a plain cotton shag rug.

If you'd like a new chair or sofa . . . you'll be seeing more pieces upholstered with long-wearing nylon and filled with latex foam, but be prepared to pay for these extra values.

To hold your TV set . . . there are corner cabinets so the screen is angled for easy viewing. Also, extra-depth bookcases with tops wide enough to hold a TV set or a phonograph.

On modern furniture . . . metal legs are sometimes seen, giving an airy, off-the-floor look to wood chests.

If you're shopping for tables or storage chests . . . wood finishes run to two extremes. Some have the mirrorlike gloss of a grand piano, others have a rough-textured, natural look that suggests country living. Lots of cherry is being shown in colors all the way from an exaggerated cherry red to a warm golden brown. Among Modern bedroom lines, there's so much emphasis on color and high gloss that pieces come out of the factory finishing room looking almost like enamel. By contrast, it's news to see pieces in natural wood with a minimum finish showing the beautiful irregularities of wood.

Look for more plastics . . . in hard-surface flooring, in upholstery fabrics. You'll also see plastic table tops which look almost exactly like wood. The wood grain has been photographed so realistically onto the plastic laminate that you'll gasp when a salesman lays a cigarette on the dinette table, lets it smolder for a couple of minutes, then dusts off the ashes to show an unmarred table! This plastic is especially popular on moderately priced coffee tables and dinettes.

Newest in metal dinette sets . . . tubing is copper plated or finished in an iridescent brown plastic paint which is scuff-proof. You needn't worry if Junior swings his feet!

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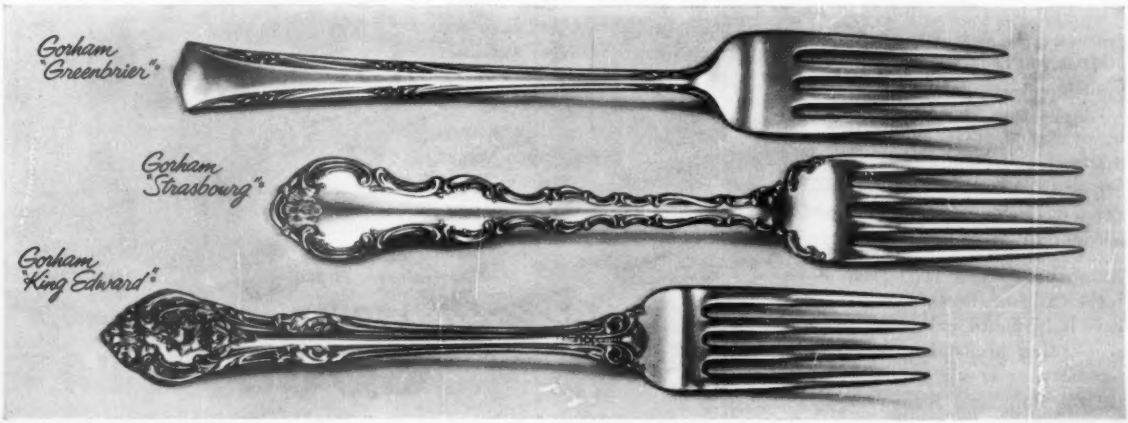

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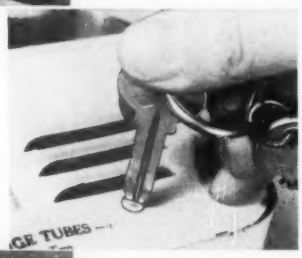
How-to for the handyman

Tough nut to crack. When you use glue from a bottle, wipe the rim clean before you put the cover back on; otherwise you may glue the cover on tightly. If you should forget, a nutcracker is a handy tool for loosening the stuck cover. It works like a vise, giving you great leverage. Use it to loosen other stuck covers, too.

Mrs. C. E. Peterson, Boise, Idaho

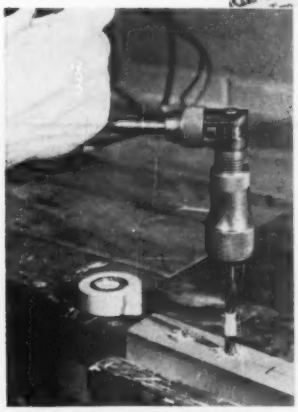
Square deal. If you're not an expert with a handsaw, you may find it difficult to cut a board so a square edge results. The guide pictured, made of scrap lumber, will help you keep the saw blade at right angles to the board. Nail a piece of 1x6 (next to saw) to a short length of 2x4; set nails below surface so saw can't touch them. Add the cleat at the end (under left hand) to help hold the guide in position.

Hugh Lineback
Stillwater, Oklahoma



No screw loose here. A small screwdriver is a handy thing to have in your pocket for small emergency jobs. Here is one you can carry on your key ring or chain. Simply take an old key and file the end of it flat, so it will fit in the slot of screwheads.

James Bendix, Indianapolis



More bore lore. When you face the problem of drilling a series of holes of equal depth, as in doweling, here is an idea that will give you accuracy in short order. Measure the proper depth on the bit, then mark it with a piece of white tape. Drill each hole until the tape just touches the wood.

Bob Burke, St. Louis

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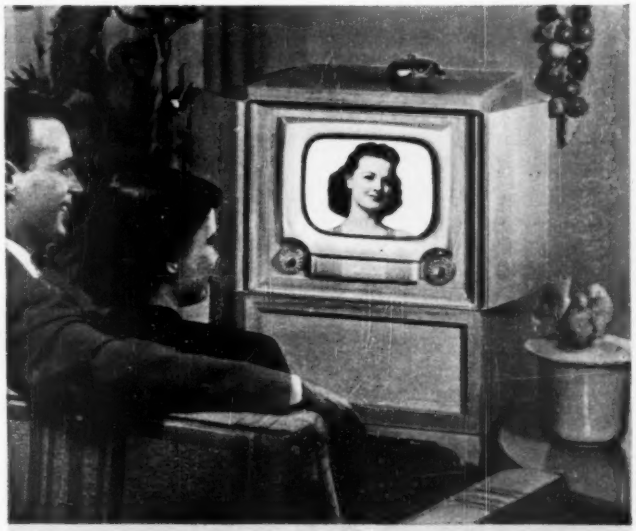

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How-to for the handyman

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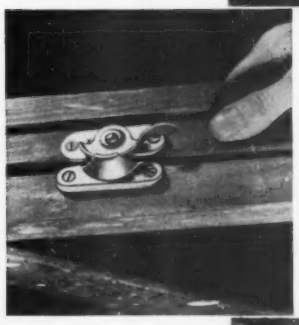
Open-door policy. Almost every house has a door or two that won't stay open, either because the door was not hung plumb or because the house has settled enough to throw the doorframe off square. If you have this problem, don't use a brick in front of the door to hold it open. Instead, remove one of the hinge pins and tap it lightly with a hammer, as pictured. Slight flattening of the pin will increase friction sufficiently so the door will remain in any position that you desire.

Richard Trump, Ames, Iowa



Ladder lock. A stepladder is easier to carry and store if you have a means of locking it in a closed position. An ordinary window lock, attached where the ladder legs come together, will do the trick. A lock of this type will not slip open if the ladder is turned upside down, and there are no pointed ends to catch on clothing.

Jonathan Davis, Dallas

Thin trim, wide guide. If you cut a piece of wood a trifle too long, and have to remove a thin strip from one end, try this. Lay the piece on a scrap board and saw through both pieces. The scrap board guides the saw so it doesn't break off the thin strip. If you are trimming thin plywood, as pictured, the scrap board also minimizes ragged splitting on the underside.

William Swallow
Brooklyn, New York

Neat heat feat. When you lay asphalt tile, you can use moderate heat to overcome its brittleness. Use an electric iron set at medium heat, and iron the tile as you lay it. The softened tile will bend without breaking, and the heat will make the adhesive hold better. You can also iron down any curled edges you find later.

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How-to for the handyman

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Chalk talk. Marking wall outlet boxes accurately is a problem when you panel a wall with plywood or wallboard. Instead of trial-and-error cutting, rub the edge of the box with soft marking chalk. Place the panel in position and press it against the box. The outline of the box will be left clearly on the panel, making it easy to cut for a perfect fit.

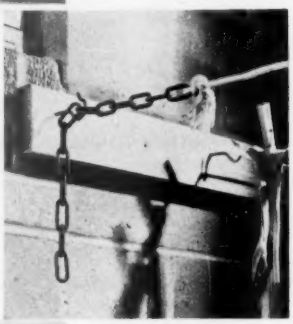
Albert F. Scharp
Rush City, Minnesota

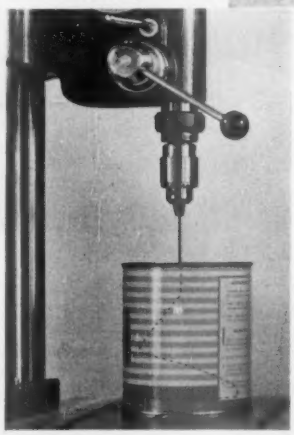
Angled, not mangled. To keep a paintbrush soft overnight or when you stop for lunch, place it in thinner. If you fix a tin can to stand at an angle, very little liquid is needed to cover the bristles. And the brush will hold its shape because it is not standing on its bristles.

George Johnson, St. Paul

Rope trick. Clotheslines not equipped with mechanical tighteners need frequent adjustment as they stretch and sag under a heavy load of wet clothes. Here is a simple solution of the tightening problem. To one end of the line, attach a length of link chain. Slip a link over the hook. As rope stretches, take up slack by moving the chain up a link or two.

George L. Downs
Newton Highlands, Massachusetts





Quick mix. There are few other paint-stirring methods quite so free of mess as this one. Use a nail to punch a hole in the center of the unopened paint-can lid. Bend a length of stiff coat-hanger wire into the shape shown by dotted line. Thread it through the nail hole, clamp it in your drill press or crank-type hand drill, and whirl away. With drill press, use lowest speed setting. After stirring, remove wire, seal hole with cellophane tape, then remove can lid, and pour paint from can to can for a final, smooth blending.

George Duncan, Los Angeles

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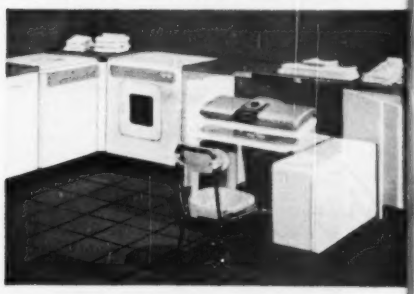

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By Dr. R. Milton Carleton

Coal ashes loosen heavy soil

It has been long known that coal ashes will loosen a heavy soil, but unfortunately, ashes sometimes contain chemicals harmful to plants. At last some research has been done on the subject—the value of coal ashes for improving the soil has been checked by the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research.

Ashes from anthracite (hard coal) were found to contain no harmful chemicals. You can mix in such ashes up to 25 percent of the total volume of the soil. The ashes prevent clay soil cracking in dry weather, permit rains to penetrate easily, reduce erosion, and make cultivation easier.

Bituminous (soft coal) ashes, though, may contain substances harmful to plants. But if you leave the ashes out in the weather until 15 to 20 inches of rain have fallen on them, the harmful chemicals are dissolved and washed away. After that, the ashes can safely be dug into the soil to loosen it.

Friendly soil bacteria may help you

Germ warfare within the soil promises to bring peace of mind to home gardeners troubled by plant diseases caused by bacteria and fungi. Reports from England tell of studies which reveal that the soil is full of bacteria and fungi, all busy killing each other.

Some of these microscopic soil organisms directly attack other organisms that compete with them for food; others secrete substances similar to penicillin and streptomycin that kill the competing bacteria or fungi. Scientists are now trying to select organisms that will attack the types which cause plant diseases, yet are not themselves harmful.

Science produces bigger, better tomato

Plant scientists have at last produced a tetraploid tomato, the ambition of vegetable growers for years. A tetraploid plant is one in which the usual number of cells has been doubled, usually by chemical means. In this way, amazingly larger and better flowers and other plants have been produced, but never before a tetraploid tomato.

The new tetraploid tomato produces half again as much fruit as ordinary varieties, including the heavy-bearing hybrids. There are about the same number of fruits, but they are much larger. Even more important is the new tomato's resistance to blight. In fields where even such relatively immune varieties as Marglobe and Rutgers were badly damaged, the new tetra had less than 1 percent infection. The originator plans to grow a crop in South America this winter to build up a stock of seed.

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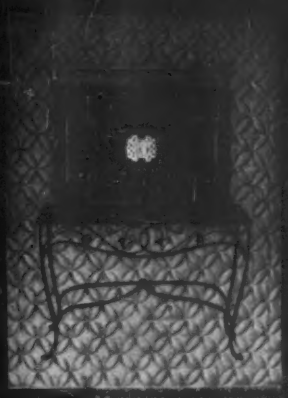

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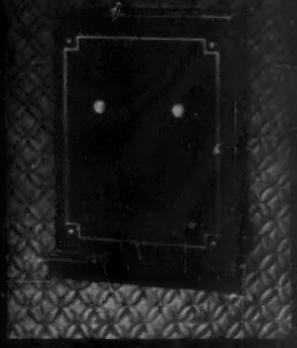

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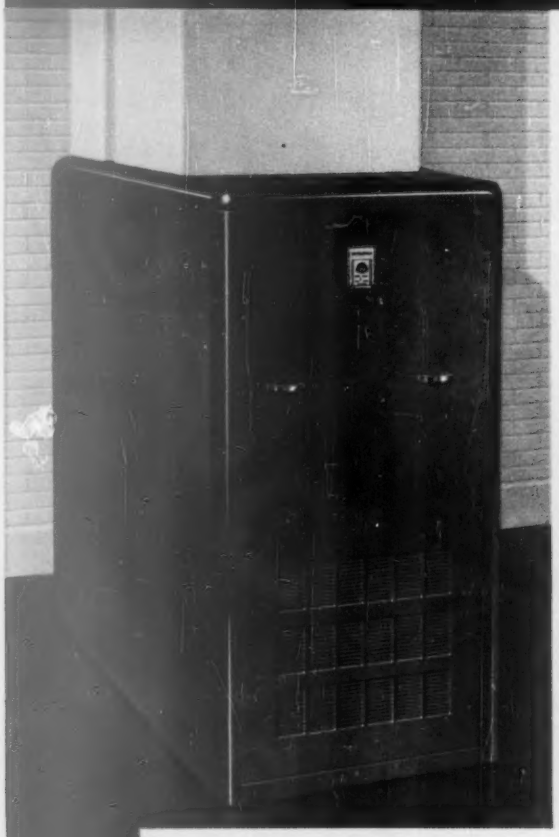

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It's a good life, and your home reflects the way you live when you

Live without pretense

By James M. Liston

Grab your partner
You know where, and I don't care.
Seat your honey in a rocking chair.

THE singsong of the square-dance caller is a sign of our times—a good sign. And the revival of square-dancing—like the growing popularity of family rooms—is indicative of a widespread trend toward a wholesome, informal kind of living.

A new kind of room—usually called a *family room*—has become part of the American home today. The family room is a fairly new idea in home-planning, but more significant than the idea is the widespread trend it has started and the effect that trend can have on your own living habits and mode of entertaining.

It's rather difficult to define this new trend, but the idea behind it is *living without pretense*. It's an informal way of life in which you are yourself, and your home reflects your intention to live wholesomely and forthrightly. It's a leisurely kind of life in which you enjoy yourself, in which you are more interested in living than in spending your time maintaining a front. And it's a friendly kind of life, because you don't stand on ceremony; you have time to enjoy your home and your friends.

If you'll think back a few years, you'll remember that entertaining used to be a rare thing for most people of average means. [*Turn to next page*

Live without pretense

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People thought twice before they invited friends to dinner because they knew the work it entailed. They worried over menu planning; they cleaned house; then they got down the "good" china and polished the silver. And they spent their last hours over a hot oven. They ended up completely worn out, but making a brave attempt to appear as if they had a staff of servants behind the scenes.

As nearly as we can trace it, the swing toward informality and casual entertaining was started by people who had the courage to break with pretense, who had the courage to live sensibly.

Perhaps the discovery of outdoor living had something to do with the new trend. Remember how easy it was to entertain outdoors this summer? The casual atmosphere you can capture with a meal on the terrace or around a barbecue fireplace takes far less work than a formal dinner—and guests seem to enjoy it more. People relax, and everybody has fun.

Somewhere, someone got the idea of bringing terrace living indoors so that this same type of easy entertaining could be possible year around. The idea caught on quickly and was adapted to suit family needs. The result has been a widespread development of family rooms.

When America woke up to the fact that it was more fun to live without pretense, it also discovered how ridiculous it was to try to be formal in the average small home. Today's homes are so compact that it's foolish to try to compartment them into a small living room, a small dining room, and a small game room. The big, informal family-living area is an intelligent answer because it merges these various activities into a room that's large enough to make the house look spacious. The result is a house that functions well, that *lives* well, and is within the reach of the family of average means. Best of all—because these family-living areas are furnished informally—they're easy to maintain. You can use materials and furnishings that save you hours of upkeep. You have time to enjoy a richly rewarding way of life.

What does informal living mean to you? It means that you can entertain more often, more economically; it means that you can do it all yourself; that you don't need help; that you can serve with the same ease with which you spread a buffet dinner on the terrace.

For the man of the house it means a particularly satisfying type of hospitality because he [*Turn to next page*

The big, informal living room merges dining room, den, and guest room into one area that makes a small home look spacious. Photographed in the Austin Fox home.

Live without pretense

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can take an active part in entertaining. He's major-domo, the chef when barbecue meals are in progress. And a family room is the kind of background a man is proud to have when he has "the boys" over for a card game or an evening swapping fishing yarns.

If there are teen-agers in the family, the family room is the sort of thing they'll love. The roadside spots will lose their appeal when youngsters have a room like this in which to entertain their friends, a room where they won't have to worry about spills and mars, where it's easy to roll back the rug and spacious enough for a real hoedown.

Family rooms are fun to decorate and furnish. If the man of the house has always wanted to know what it's like to have a big wing chair next to a fireplace, here's his chance to have it. Most men don't feel qualified to improve on a woman's touch in the living room, but when it comes to a family room, a man is in his element. A man feels at home with the materials that give such rooms their honest charm—pine, natural brick, and brass. And the woman who has always wanted to do an Early American room with hooked rugs, cottage curtains, and a big, circular dining table, has a wonderful opportunity to let herself go. She is free to try colors, materials, and accessories she has never had a chance to use.

It's more than coincidence that many family rooms are furnished in Early American style. Colonial reproductions are particularly suitable because they grow more attractive with use. Reproductions aren't fragile antiques; they're sturdy enough to take the wear a happy crowd or a growing family might give them.

Family rooms can go Modern, too. The whole reason behind such rooms is to get an area that is nicely attuned to a family's needs and preferences. The family room (above) of the J. E. Dempseys, Glencoe, Illinois, is as Modern as they come, and in keeping with their new home. The Dempseys like good music, good books, and television. And their furniture is chosen for comfort; that's the main idea. They get it in a Modern setting—proving that family rooms don't follow any fixed pattern.

But most family rooms do have these things in common: A big, comfortable living space that centers all the activities a family likes to enjoy together; a place for serving snacks and buffets; room for hobbies, home movies, and television; a place for books and sewing; and storage space for games and dishes.

It all adds up to the question: Why didn't America wake up to this casually comfortable type of living long before? And it may raise the question: Why don't *we* enjoy this wholesome kind of living? It makes such good sense.

Decorator Paul MacAlister created a modern room for the Dempseys

Photographs: George de Gennaro; Hedrich-Blessing

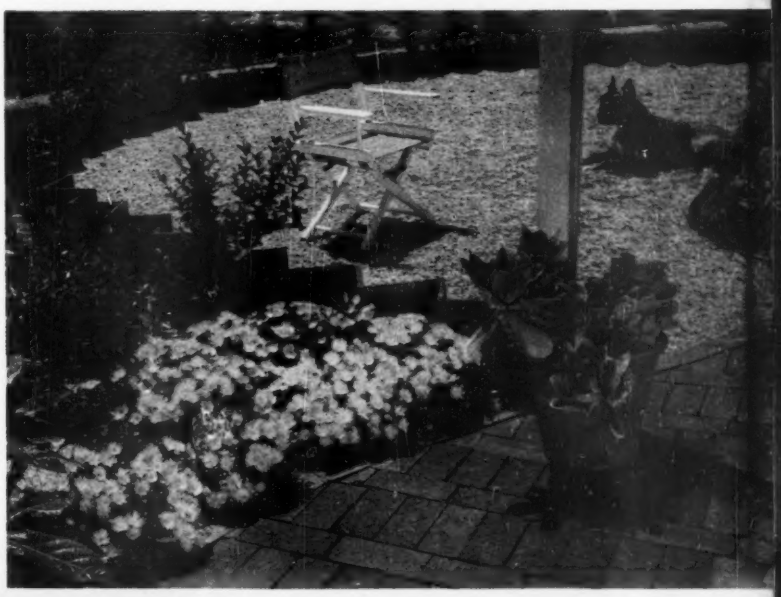
Begun as a hobby, decorating a family room can end up with something as satisfying as this—a room with atmosphere, imagination, hospitality

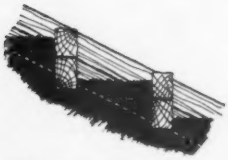
This is Decorator John Garner's idea of casual comfort in his own home.

Make yours a livable terrace

Here are ideas you can adapt now to your own use, and for remarkably little outlay for the pleasure and charm they'll bring you

By Fleeta Brownell Woodroffe





Why didn't somebody think of this before—split rails to hold a terrace edge, gravel for surfacing, rough, redwood pickets to shut off the neighbors' garages, pot plants for color, St. Francis at the birds' tray. Under a friendly tree, it's all so simple, livable

Photographs: George de Gennaro

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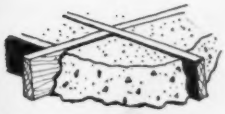
Trust an architect to do the effective thing on his own property. R. Chalfant Head of Brentwood, California, designed this self-supporting curb out of wide redwood house siding for a crushed-rock terrace. Rotproofed first, the assembled zigzag was lowered into a 6-inch, semicircular trench, and soil tamped firmly against it



Do it as you have the time, and get a durable floor like this made of stained concrete. Blocks are irregular, oiled grids pulled out later, and joints sand-filled. Howard H. Wright, Seattle

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Stepsaver with eye appeal

When you talk of "convenience" in a home, what does the word mean to you?

Do you think of a kitchen with lots of counter and storage space?

Do you think of an all-on-one-floor design that means no stair climbing to look at the furnace, to do the washing, or to reach the bedrooms?

Do you think of simple details that make cleaning and upkeep easier?

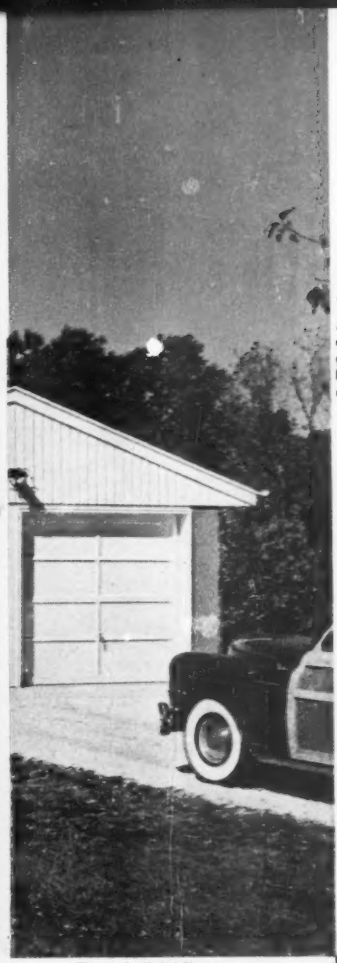
Do you think of building materials that require little maintenance?

Or do you think of a house where you take only a few steps to get from somewhere to anywhere else?

If any one of these concepts—or all of them—are yours, *Better Homes & Gardens* Five Star Home No. 2009 may be the home you've been waiting to build.

Convenience starts with the plan. The entrance is virtually in the center of the house. Hall space is thus kept to a minimum—a 7-foot-square entrance hall and a scant 10 feet of hall to the bedrooms. Yet, unless you are sitting on the screened porch, you can get directly to the front door in 15 steps or less, whether you're washing dishes, ironing, reading the paper, or cat-napping in the den-guest room.

There are no steps to climb. The house is built on wood joists over a ventilated crawl space, and has no basement. Heating plant and water heater fit into an enclosed space behind the fireplace, the heating [*Turn to page 220*



Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing

All on one floor, Better Homes & Gardens Five Star Home No. 2009 hugs the ground. Crisp, white details—lamppost, fence, trellises, and judicious use of vertical siding—add spice to a good design

Over-all dimensions: 55x58
Owners: Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hallberg, Rockford, Illinois
Architects: Bradley & Bradley, Rockford

Contrasting materials and color dramatize fireplace. Face is plaster; wall above is combed plywood. Dining area (left) is set off only by a lattice wall

By John Normile
Architect-Editor

Huge picture window of living room takes full advantage of a fine view of the rolling, wooded yard. Furniture is placed to let you enjoy view, rather than face room

You can buy complete plans for any Better Homes & Gardens 5 STAR home

Bathrooms that sing with color

By Harry Richardson

Why not washable wallpaper—like this sprigged pattern—for your bathroom? If your fixtures are dark, look for paper with a light background

Bright curtains and wallpaper, sparkling tiles and fixtures—these are the tools you'll use to bring color into your bathroom.

Bathrooms are small and need white to keep them light. But don't stop at white. With white plumbing and white tile, you can have lots of color on the walls, in the curtains, and in your bath linen. With colored fixtures and colored linoleum, choose curtains or wallpaper with a white background, and paint the ceiling white. The rule of thumb is about one-third of white to two-thirds of other colors.

What colors are best? Your favorites are first choice. Beware of muddy shades, though, and of colors that will be hard to match or mix. After you've picked the colors, combine them with the same deft touch you would use in decorating your living room.

Here are color schemes, decorating ideas, gadgets for your bathroom. Try them—and let your bathroom sing with color, too.

Start with white tiled floor and white fixtures. Get drama with plywood cabinets, pink tiled counter, a blue wall

Bands of color can set off white tiles, too. These rich-looking bands repeat the rosy hue of the shower curtains and rugs

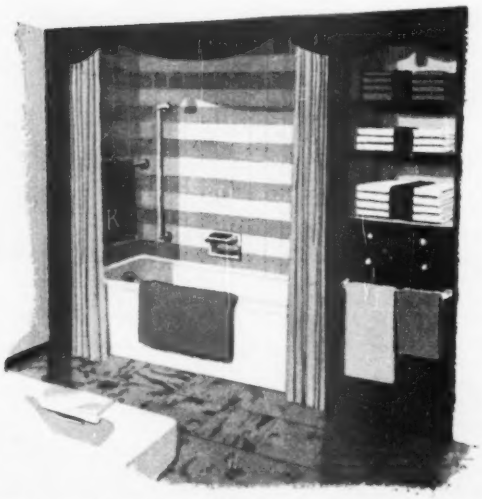
Pink fixtures + olive-green walls + brown floor = your recipe for smart bathroom color scheming

Sunny yellows and rich green welcome a dash of turquoise. See how the bath towels become part of a color scheme

Small bathroom hamper for soiled towels—hang it on the door or wall

Plastic shell rack for drying lingerie and hose—a snagproof spacesaver

Terra cotta tile floor accents a gleaming white cabinet sink. Twin brackets keep mirror bright



Something special—dark green with shades of yellow. Instead of matching, yellows vary from lemon to orange

You can get help with your decorating problems at a Home Planning Center. You will find them listed on page 225.

Here's what you can do with

Unfinished furniture

Maybe your room calls for another touch of color . . .
Maybe you need a new table to complete a grouping . . .
Maybe you're counting your pennies right . . .

THEN you'll want to look twice at unfinished furniture.

Unfinished means you choose the color or stain that suits your scheme best. And because YOU finish the furniture, you save money on every piece.

Your friends will admire the simple lines that make unfinished furniture handsome enough for any room in your home. You'll be pleased to discover everything from chests and desks to chairs and sofas comes ready to finish.

Whether you buy one piece or a roomful, you'll find that finishing your own furniture will be fun. You might go gay with bright color; you might try two-tone effects. We did—and here are our results. You can do it for your home, too.

More furniture and complete price list on page 114

High-fashion colors—that may be hard to find in finished furniture—can be yours if you'll finish your own. This tawny rose is one of the colors you might try

By Christine Holbrook

At left and right above. Seeing is believing. So see for yourself how smartly you can outfit a living-dining room with unfinished furniture. Tables, desk, chairs, sofa come ready to finish. You make them color-right with a brush and enamel

Notice the storage wall. It looks built in, but it's made of unfinished pieces, too. Chests and bookcases were stacked ceiling-high and enameled to match the wall. Top row of bookcases has been turned upside down so bases act as cornice

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No space to spare? Trim drop-leaf table seats six for supper, hugs the wall between times. Drawers in its base hold silver. (See it in green at top.) The breakfront you arrange to suit yourself of chests and cabinet

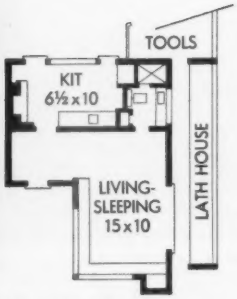
Neat lines of this storage headboard insure its welcome in any bedroom. Headboard shelves are where you'll reach them easiest — above your head. Extra bedding hidden behind pillow

Photographs on how to use enamel, page 10

Arm's-reach convenience

By Mort Reed, Jr.

The 500 square feet of floor space in this house provide as much living as you'll find in 1,000 square feet in most houses. Exterior of wood and stone is designed with the same boldness as interiors (below)



Data compiled by Jean Burden

Avoid dark, space-eating corners. Here skylight lets sun into north room; sliding glass doors admit light, open onto greenhouse which gives privacy and close view

Use big windows to keep small rooms like this 10x15-foot living room from looking crowded. Use built-in lighting and furniture to eliminate floor clutter

Use smooth surfaces like natural gumwood walls and sandblasted fir ceiling, and cool colors like sage green of blocks, to help extend space. Use inconspicuous space dividers like low cabinet separating living area from hall

—on your own lot

A small home like this one and those on pages 110 and 190 is as easy to maintain as an apartment. But it will give you privacy, quiet, a chance to garden, freedom in decorating, right to keep pets

Ingeniously planned by Designer Robert Button and Decorator Robert Bard, this small home is complete to the last detail.

One room covering 150 square feet provides fully for sleeping, entertaining, working, and often eating. In the area are a piano, two beds, a radio-phonograph, and 40 feet of shelf space. Yet it is so designed never to seem cramped or crowded, is a fine example of efficient planning.

Bath and kitchen are economically back to back. A greenhouse gives the bathroom and living-sleeping room privacy, with light.

Though there's not much space in the house, it's ample for two. And there's plenty of space outside —made part of the house by huge windows in the living room and kitchen.

More photographs of this house on page 188

Should you tear 'em away from

You've heard scare stuff—also promises. Here's a calm report of what resourceful parents say you can do to make TV *serve* your family, not *sever* it

By Dorothy Diamond and Frances Tenenbaum

"Of course we'd love to own a television set," Ellen said seriously, "but we're a little afraid because of the children. It's hard to know just what to do—you hear so many stories."

Stories like the one about the 5-year-old who, instead of dressing for his grandfather's birthday party, carefully brewed an evil potion of mud and ink. "Aw, I'm not going," he explained. "I'm gonna kill Grandpa with this drink, like I saw on television. Then I can watch the show tonight."

There is no doubt that wherever television is broadcast, its effect on children is the number-one topic at parent-teacher meetings and informal neighborhood conclaves. Surveys "proving" that television has hurt children's grades and made them aggressive and destructive have filled the press. Yet much of what has been said and written is tinged with hysteria. Just how valid are the charges?

You all know of parents whose answer to television is to refuse to allow a set in the house. Usually their children throw tantrums, then duck out to a neighbor's.

You know, too, of parents who watch television themselves, but forbid it to their youngsters. For them, one manufacturer has announced a new model with a lock.

And, of course, you know parents who have totally surrendered to TV. Like the parents of Hamlin, they stand by helplessly while this modern Pied Piper makes off with their children.

Certainly you will solve nothing by banning a set. Television is part of juvenile life today. Just as adults discuss politics or the latest books, children chatter about comic-book characters and TV. Nor does the spectacle of a group of children gathered around a television receiver have to be as gruesome as it is in one home we visited in preparing this article. There, a gang of 12-year-old cowboys and cowgirls whoop into the living room every evening, shooting off cap pistols in salute to their favorite hero. The room reeks of gunpowder, and the din is terrific.

But, in another home we visited, we saw a group of kindergartners and preschoolers sitting quietly, their eyes round with excitement, watching "Howdy Doody." When the telecast ended, the mother turned off the set and served cookies and milk. As an example of how television can help in early social training, this seemed ideal.

Like the automobile and the airplane, television is here to stay. The challenge is how to live with it happily. As a psychologist for a leading school observed, "If you can't manage television for a 10-year-old, what will you do in a few years when he's 15 and wants the family car?"

Unfortunately, some mothers and fathers display a paradoxical attitude. Finding TV an excellent pacifier, they allow the children to sit in front of it for hours, then issue a peremptory summons to dinner or bed. When the children balk, the parents blame the broadcasters. Irritated by such inconsistency, radio critic Jack Gould quipped, "Video, after all, is only something to see; it's not a way of bringing up children."

When School Principal Charles M. Sheehan, of New Jersey, remarking on the television "profile"—circles under the eyes, nodding heads, and lowered marks—asked parents to cut an hour from their children's viewing, he wasn't condemning television, just the unrestricted use of it. Two months later, he was able to report a marked decrease in failures among those youngsters whose folks had cooperated.

Because he had seen the results of excess viewing—facial tics, overstimulation, neglect of practicing, outdoor play, and homework—Van R. Brokhahne, who produces educational FM programs for New York City schools, decided to establish a system of control before his set arrived.

The Brokhahnes put their receiver in the downstairs playroom where it could not entice their teen-age daughter away from her homework, and where an expedition to the set would be a privilege. Then they outlined a schedule—their daughter can watch TV before dinner, but not afterward, on school nights. Her weekend fare is limited to what the rest of the family want to see. If she doesn't like it, she doesn't need to watch.

Other families have established less stringent schedules. One, for instance, allows viewing on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings. The children spend Tuesday and Thursday nights in creative play.

If you decide to set up limits, try to enlist the cooperation of your neighbors, perhaps through your P.T.A. It's tough to enforce rules if your youngster can whine that Freddie down the block can watch as long as he likes.

One mother we talked to was Mrs. Helen Steers Burgess, who happens also to be vice-president of the Child Study Association of America. Mrs. Burgess said:

"You'll have better success in calling a child away from television if you suggest something else that's fun to do. But don't leave him in front of the set for a long time and then tell him to shine his shoes or take a bath."

"How do you deal with a popular evening show such as the Milton Berle program?" we asked her.

Mrs. Burgess replied that bedtime should never become a matter of dispute. "If a child can stay up late and not be sleepy the next day, that's all right. Otherwise, tell him he'll have to wait until next year."

If you look at television all the time yourself, naturally your children will ape your indiscriminate listening pattern. "But in a home where a child hears interesting discussions, where books are read, where the child is well adjusted and enjoys going out to play baseball or football, television won't make much difference," Mrs. Burgess said.

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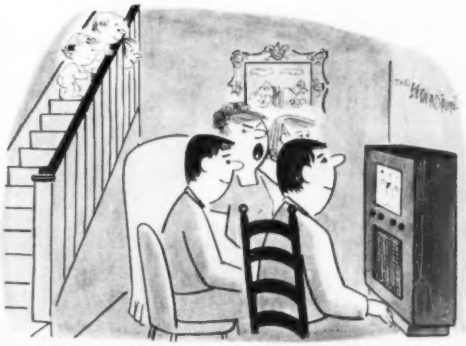
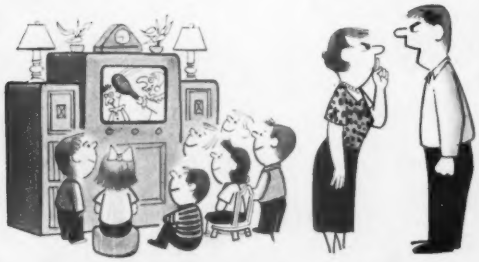
"Is a dollar and eighty cents enough for a television set?"



"O. K. kids, I'm counting ten—ONE, TWO, THREE . . ."

"Martin, I'd just as soon the boys didn't see that nightgown commercial again."

"You should sit a foot away for every inch of the screen."



"What happened to the 'brilliant entertainment in the privacy of our own living room' I paid 500 dollars for?"

"All right, that does it! Harry, call up the television store and tell them to send a truck right over!"

Geraniums are in—again

Rediscovered by color-wise moderns, these favorites of Victorian days add dash and gaiety all through the house

Not all geraniums let color go wholly to their heads. Under lists headed Fancyleaf you'll find plants with leaves patterned scarlet, cream, gold, and purple

By Leslie MacRae

Geraniums go with today's bleached and silver-gray wood finishes as tangy cheese goes with crackers and piping-hot coffee. Look at the picture on the left—cheerful at breakfast and lunch, glowing by candlelight, this indoor box of geraniums is a hearty dash of color all during the day when the table doubles as desk.

Geraniums, of all the plants that willingly flower indoors, don't need air more humid than the average living room provides. But geraniums do need sun. They must have all possible sun if they're to flower in the house.

Geraniums are more effective in blocky, oblong containers of pottery and metal than they ever were in Great-grandmother's red clay pots.

For color accents, be guided in buying by your florist. Take the kinds he recommends as the best.

Don't show your appreciation by overwatering geraniums. Let the soil get dry to the touch each time before you give water again.

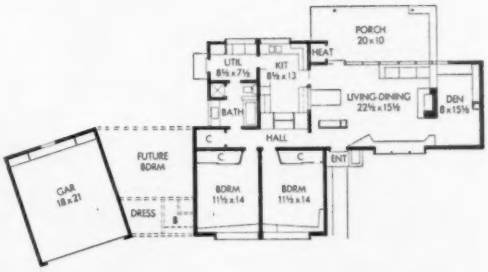
A hobby collection of fancyleaf geraniums never fails to interest. New leaves differ from older ones on same plant. Highly regarded are these pictured: Maxime Kovalevsky—strongly banded leaves topped by flowers of amazing vibrant orange; Alpha—deep henna-brown zone on bright green leaf, compact; Mrs. Cox—brilliant tricolor leaf with green center, purple-and-red zone edged cream; Happy Thought—ruffled leaf with gold center bound in brown-edged green; Graves Jubilee—green with broad, raisin-brown zone; Skies of Italy—brilliant, dark zone splashed with crimson and orange, yellow border; Black Vesuvius—very dark-zoned green, huge red flowers; Pigmy—tiny, light green leaf, big red flowers. For timely tips on making young geranium plants from old ones, see page 266.

Photographs: Suter, Hedrich-Blessing, Stanley

Entire garden end of the living room is glass, protected from the sun outside by the terrace overhang, and on the inside by bamboo blinds. Band of windows at right lights kitchen and utility room. Both front and rear roof overhangs slope toward the center of the house, eliminating the need for gutters and downspouts

As on the exterior, natural materials—brick of the freestanding fireplace, fir plywood walls—provide contrast to the large glass area of the living area. This view through the kitchen pass-through, across the living room to the den, shows the openness of living area. Bamboo blinds and woven matting add additional texture

Weatherproof exterior plywood, accented by low brick wall at entry, forms the outside surface of the house. Note projecting box frame around bedroom windows (wing at left)



For unity of design and smooth good looks, use

One material, inside and out

By Ethel McCall Head

You can build a beautiful home of imported hardwoods. And you can build a beautiful home of inexpensive, everyday materials. Either way, everything depends on how you put them together.

The Modern home of Architect Willard Hall Francis is an excellent example of a well-built house made of inexpensive materials, which you can buy at any builders' supply firm, combined into a home that is attractive, and practical for a family that likes to live and entertain informally.

The wall surface, both inside and out, is of Douglas-fir plywood, laid and scored horizontally to give a low effect and to conceal joints. The exterior plywood is waterproofed and spar-varnished, while the interior is sealed and finished with a satin varnish—finishes that are responsible, in part at least, for the home's warm, inviting qualities and soft color tones.

Brick and glass are used to contrast with the plywood. The fireplace and the low wall beside it are made of large, sand-glazed bricks. And there are expanses of glass for smoothness and light.

Welding together these materials is Architect Francis' floor plan. The plan is open; its control of traffic makes the house convenient to live in, and it is designed to allow future addition of a bedroom, dressing room, and second bath at minimum cost.

Built-ins control traffic through the house. Fabric-covered storage wall at left shields dining area from front door, forms a hallway to bedrooms. Jutting bookshelf guides you toward living area. Lamp is set in bookshelf

Bookshelf (which contains a concealed radio loud-speaker) continues under front window to form a reading alcove. In background is hallway leading to bedrooms, kitchen, bath

More photographs on page 148

Photograph: Stanley

This simple mushroom cluster in a low copper bowl brings seasonal charm to the table. Green and yellow leaves and rich brown tablecloth repeat the colors of fall. Tiny pixy figurines, acorn salt and pepper shakers, wood-handled silverware complement centerpiece

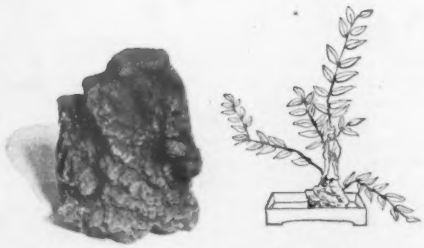
Use imagination on your fall table

By Fae Huttenlocher

Next time you want a table setting that will spark a simple meal with new interest, hie to the out-of-doors. You'll be surprised at the unusual decorations Nature offers you free of charge. Look for interesting stones, stumps, weeds, grasses.

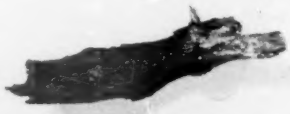
The table decoration above was created from a cluster of mushrooms found at the base of an old tree stump. We simply arranged it in a copper bowl with a few twigs of autumn leaves.

Keep your table in mind when you go for a walk in the garden or woods. The pictures show you what to watch for to enhance your fall table arrangements.

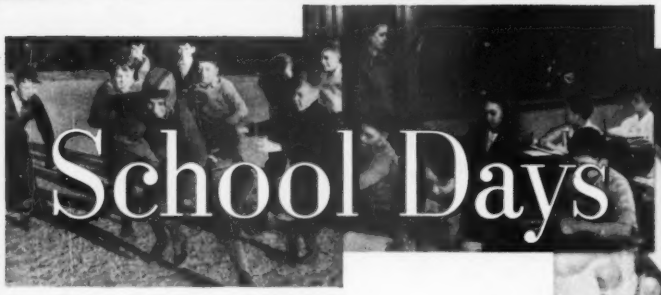


Be alert for unusual shapes in stones and cinders. Use them to give your arrangements a natural look. Or as a standard on which to raise a figurine to make it the center of interest

Collect branches that have a weathered, gnarled contour. They add interesting accents to arrangements of flowers, weeds, grasses, fruits, or figurines. Put on needlepoint holder



Watch for pieces of old, weathered wood. (We found this bit of burned wood near a pile of firewood.) Thoroughly scrub; keep in a dry place. Use in autumn arrangements



School Days *are* Soup Days

by Anne Marshall

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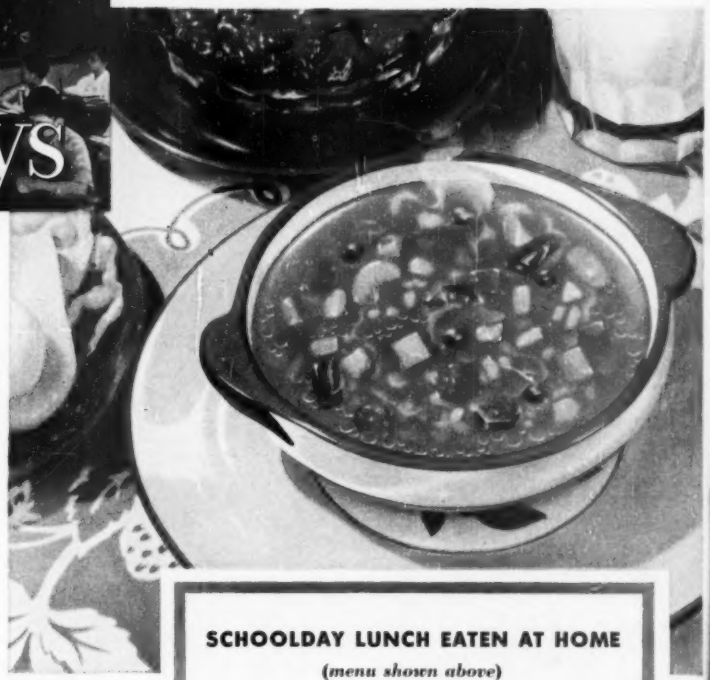
Nutrition experts say the schoolday lunch is a vitally important meal for the growing child—to replenish energy. Whether eaten at home or carried to school, this lunch should include a hot dish. They say it helps the stomach to receive and to digest the meal. Also, a hot dish seems to make sandwiches, fruit and salad taste better.

Dieticians agree that an ideal hot dish is well-made soup. Soup tempts the child . . . is easily digested . . . substantial, yet never heavy. Thus, young bodies are well nourished—young minds stay keen for study or play.

"In bed with a cold"—*'phones Mother to teacher. And, at noon, she appears at her hopeful's bedside bearing this appetizing and nourishing tray—chicken noodle soup, poached egg on toast, cherry gelatin, and milk.*

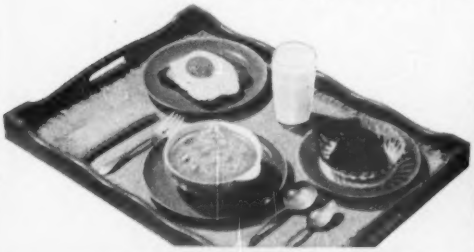


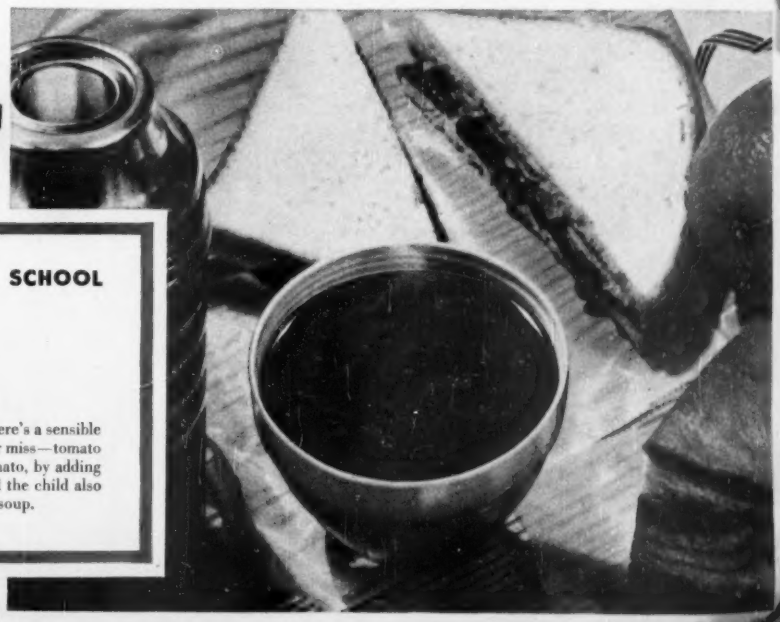
SCHOOLDAY LUNCH EATEN AT HOME

(menu shown above)

Vegetable Soup
Pear and Cream Cheese Salad
Chocolate Pudding **Milk**

If your youngster comes home at noon, you might sit him down pretty often to a lunch like this. With breakfast several hours behind him, the child's energy needs replenishing at noon. A lunch including this almost-a-meal-in-itself vegetable soup will set him right for an afternoon of school or romping.





SCHOOLDAY LUNCH CARRIED TO SCHOOL

(menu shown at right)

Tomato Soup
(in vacuum bottle)
Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich
Marble Cake **Whole Orange**

If you have the daily problem of *packing* a lunch, then here's a sensible way to provide the needed hot dish for your junior or junior miss—tomato soup in a vacuum bottle. Prepare the soup as cream of tomato, by adding milk instead of water. That way, it's extra-nourishing, and the child also gets his quota of milk. Most children simply dote on this soup.

Festive fall meals

By Myrna Johnston

It's the top of the season for red-ripe tomatoes, red and green peppers, plump squash. So borrow a few seasoning tricks from Italian cooks—as we have here—and you'll start your fall meals off with a zip.

There's Veal Scallopini, lower left, for instance. Thin veal slices simmer fork-tender in tomato-mushroom sauce.

Appetizers and dessert go double decker, left. Around the Lazy Susan—plates of green and ripe olives, garlic-salami chips, pickled red and green peppers, anchovy rolls and artichoke hearts, Italian sausage rolls, cheese-stuffed green and red pepper slices. Up on top, a plate of Provolette cheese and chilled green grapes.

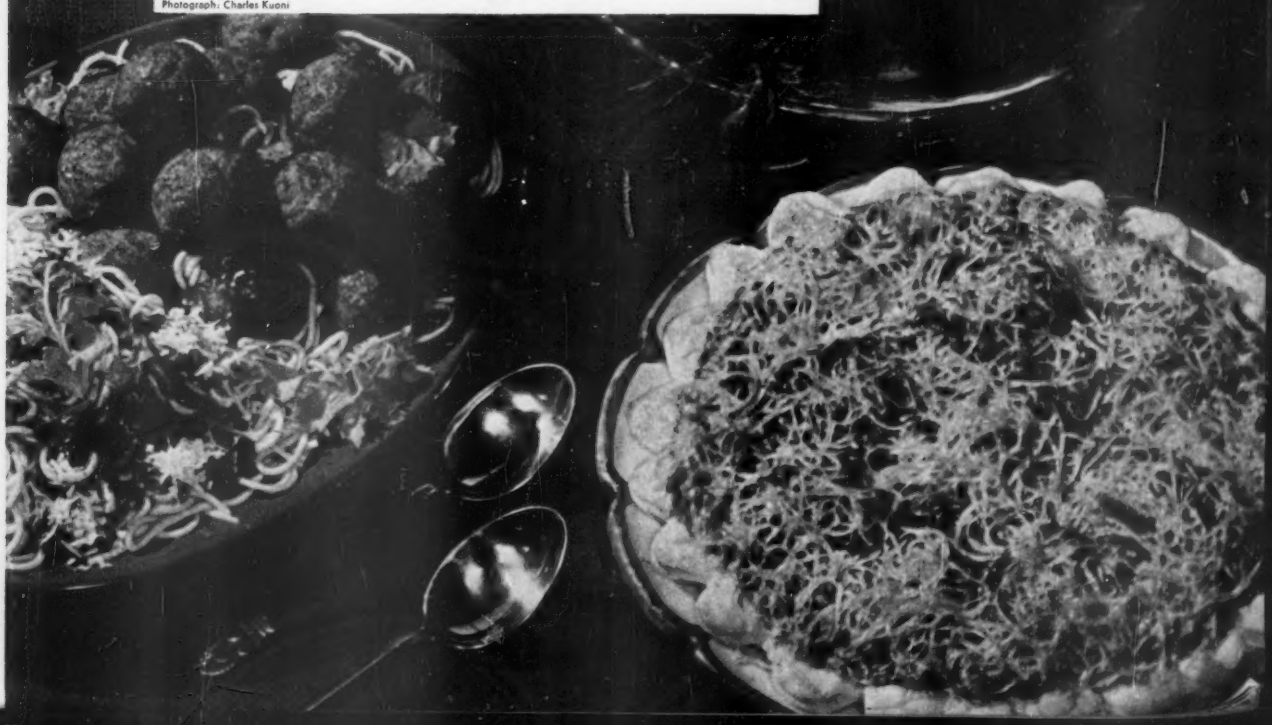
Big, juicy tomato slices circle the bowl of curly endive and water cress. The donkey hauls crunchy bread sticks.

Plump stuffed zucchini halves get a sprinkle of nippy Parmesan cheese. Below, spaghetti and meat balls with a lazily cooked, full-flavored tomato sauce.

The hearty vegetable soup makes a meal in itself. Fat peppers with a meaty stuffing are circled with fresh fennel.

The American Pizza, lower right, [*Turn to page 104*

Photograph: Charles Kuoni



Cloves.

Deep-dish apple pie

The spoon dips through the flaky crust into tender, juicy apples. The golden crust, the luscious apples are still warm from the oven. You catch a whiff of fresh spices. What's so homey, so downright good as old-fashioned, deep-dish apple pie?

Each one gets a big, big helping. You pass the jug of cool, rich cream. Take plenty. . . .

Deep-dish Apple Pie With Jug of Cream appears below in Harvest Dinner. A meal that smacks of harvest plenty. A meal that suits appetites sharpened by the first cool days of fall. If you're having guests, you serve grape juice or spiced cider to be sipped while you're slicing the ham.

For other meal ideas that use the fruits of autumn, see below. Markets are bursting with good things to eat. Days are getting cooler, so you feel like getting back to the kitchen. Better make a deep-dish apple pie, try a new recipe!

Harvest Dinner

MAIN DISH	VEGETABLE	SALAD OR ACCOMPANIMENT	DESSERT	NICE TO SERVE
Baked Ham (shank) or Ham Loaf Horse-radish Cream Sauce	Mashed Potatoes With Chives Parsley-Butter Carrots and Celery	Cabbage Slaw With Cucumber Sour-cream French Dressing*	Deep-dish Apple Pie* With Jug of Cream Cheese Curls	Grape Juice Cocktail or Spiced Cider

Make deep-dish apple pie early. Recipe on page 282 tells you how to make apple cutouts. Mash potatoes; fold in chopped chives or scallions; keep hot in double boiler. Last minute, add drained, diced cucumber and the sour-cream dressing to crisp, shredded cabbage. Use a rich, creamy white sauce for ham. Add about 1/3 cup drained horse-radish to a cup of sauce.

Family's Fare

Chicken Fricassee With Gravy and Hot Biscuits	Frenched Green Beans Glazed Onions	Stuffed Tomato Salad* Extra Biscuits Grape Jelly	Spiced Pears* With Sour Cream and Slivered Toasted Almonds	Pickled Cucumber Sticks Coffee or Milk

Make plenty of hot biscuits. Serve extras with new grape jelly. Prepare tomato shells, salt each inside, and chill. Blend creamy cottage cheese with chopped onion and stuffed olives. Pile into shells; dash with paprika. Serve on lettuce with mayonnaise dressing. Dessert's a spiced pear topped with a spoonful of thick sour cream, garnished with slivered toasted almonds.

Sunday Dinner

Pot Roast With Gravy or Pork Chops	Roast Potatoes Fried Green or Red Tomato Slices	Avocado-Orange Salad Brown-Serve Rolls	Baked Apple Rings* With Ginger Cream	Cups of Water Cress or Spinach Soup

About 1½ hours before roast is done, place pared, medium boiling potatoes in roast pan around meat. Turn to brown on all sides. Dip tomato slices in seasoned flour and fry. Bake apple rings while roast is cooking. Whip cream, last minute, and fold in slivered candied ginger for the dessert topping. Oven is hot, so turn it to 425°; heat brown-serve rolls about 10 minutes.

Fall Fish Fry

Fried Fish Fillets Parsley Lemon Wedges	Scalloped Potatoes Buttered Peas Glazed Squash Rings	Sliced Tomatoes and Cucumbers Tarragon Dressing Poppy-seed Braids	Cantaloupe Fruit Rings*	Hot Coffee Vegetable Juice Cocktail

Bake scalloped potatoes in moderate oven. Use a thin white sauce, seasoned with a little minced onion. Sprinkle fried fish with minced parsley and garnish with lemon wedges. Arrange tomato and cucumber slices. Make French dressing, using tarragon vinegar. Pare cantaloupe rings and fill with sliced peaches. Top with orange wedges and fresh or frozen berries.

Popular Buffet

Finger-eating Spareribs	Sauerkraut Stuffed, Baked Sweet Potatoes	Relish Tray Corn Sticks	Concord Grape Pie*	Damson Preserves Hot Coffee

Season spareribs with a little garlic, salt, and black pepper. Drain off excess fat about ½ hour before done, so ribs are well browned. Bake sweet potatoes. Remove tops and scoop out filling. Mash with hot milk and seasonings; fill; heat until lightly browned. Cover sauerkraut; bake in oven while ribs cook. Bake corn sticks in hot oven (425°) about 25 minutes.

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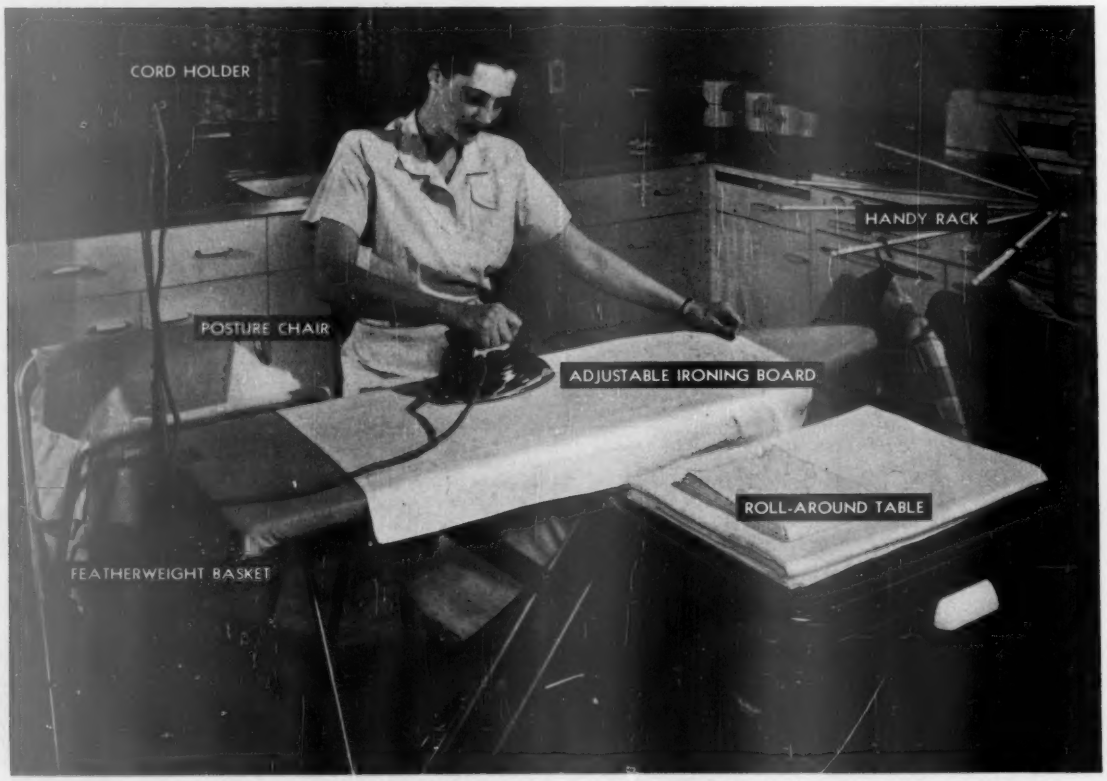
What housework do we women hate most?

A recent poll listed our greatest peeve as ironing.

So here are . . .

Tips for EASIER IRONING



Everything within reach—basket of damp clothes at arm-level height, table on wheels to receive finished flatwork, and rack with hangers at right to hold ironed blouses and dresses. The cord is out of the way; the stool is comfortable; and the adjustable ironing board is efficient

By Jessie Prather

Of course you hate ironing if it takes so long that you ache all over before you're through.

But you can save many hours of drudgery by following some of the speedworthy suggestions you see in the pictures.

For instance, if you iron a sheet with long, easy strokes instead of short, choppy ones, you can save 13 hours a year and much energy. If you use an ironer, you'll save 23 more hours on sheets alone. Just having a good, wide ironing board is going to save you handling and cut ironing time. Notice other energy-saving equipment above.

Whether you use a hand iron or an ironer, here are helps to make your ironing speedier, less energy-consuming, and more enjoyable.

How to increase ironing enjoyment

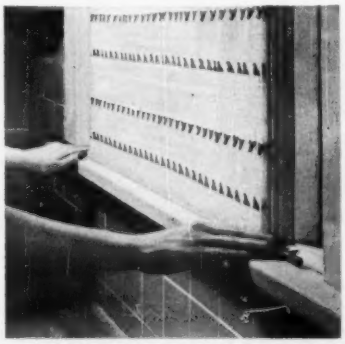
Light your way and eliminate eyestrain. If possible, place your ironing board near a window. Supplement over-all good lighting with an on-the-spot light flooding over your left shoulder to concentrate brightness on the board.

Iron when and where you'll enjoy it most. If you like to iron in the evening when your husband's at hand to talk to, Junior is within easy watching distance, and your favorite radio program is on, forget that Tuesday routine!

Be comfortable. Here is a back-resting chair that lets you relax while you use your ironer. If using an ironing board, you can sit on a stool with a padded back. With adjustable ironing board you can iron standing or sitting.

Skip some of the work

Skip sprinkling your lightweight cottons and rayons by using a steam iron. You can iron sheer blouses, soft-finish dresses, play clothes, right from the line. Limit sprinkling to linens, heavy cottons, crisply starched pieces.



Stretch to shape. Hang sheer, unstarched sash curtain at window while still damp and draw the curtain rod through hem. If you have a curtain stretcher, use it for lace or sheer tablecloths and spreads as well as curtains.

Select no-ironing fabrics. Your ironing can be shortened if you buy nylon, jersey, seersucker, flannel, or corduroy garments. For example—above, dry nylon shirt on hanger, smoothing collar and seams with hands.

Use short cuts to speed ironing

Learn the fastest way. If you have an ironer, ask for a demonstration of the best way to iron each piece in the laundry. If both ends of your ironer are usable, try tricks like this. If you use a hand iron, practice ways to save motions.

Iron identicals two-at-a-time. Here's the way to do two apron or pinafore sashes at once. You can do slip and gown straps the same way. Hold straps taut with left hand; slide iron over. Motions saved will finish the job faster.

Cover large area at a time. Flat plate ironer in picture irons area equal to about 11 hand irons at one time. Here we pin a row of pleats in place, to be ironed all at one time.

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Start at 6:00; eat at 6:15

6:00 Split a half-loaf of French bread. Spread with 1½ pounds ground beef mixed with 1 teaspoon salt, 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce, 1 small onion, chopped ➔

6:06 Put burgers on broiler. Add tomato halves; season. Top with onion rings; brush with melted butter. Drain whole-kernel corn; empty into pan; season. Broil 9 minutes ➔

6:08 Quarter lettuce; place on salad plates. Pass Dressing: Combine 1 cup mayonnaise, ¼ cup chili sauce, 2 tablespoons sweet-pickle relish, and 1 teaspoon minced onion; mix ➔

Big supper in 15 minutes

By Frances O'Connor

How can you get a meal in short order, yet not make it look like a short-order meal?

That's *you* in the first picture above. It's 6:00 and you've just tied on your apron. Page at right: It's 6:15—apron's off; supper's ready.

The trick, of course, is to pick a simple, hearty meal. A meal that is fast to assemble, quick to cook. You make two giant hamburgers. They broil—vegetables in the same pan—while you make a crunchy salad out of big, cool lettuce wedges and a nippy dressing.

There's no reason you can't have a glamorous dessert, either. Fruit, cooky, and ice cream appear in the sherbet dish at right. It's pretty and a wonderful top-off for the rest of the meal.

Big supper in 15 minutes? Sure. Follow the pictures.

6:10 Set the table while supper broils. You'll need dinner plates, salad plates, glasses, cups and saucers, silverware, salt and pepper. Get out a meat platter and a serving dish for corn ➔

6:12 Dip fresh or canned peach halves in lemon juice, then roll them in vanilla wafer crumbs. Chill until time to serve. Last picture, next page, shows finished dessert ➔

Big supper

Giant Burger With Onion Rings
Broiled Tomato Halves
Buttered, Whole-Kernel Corn
Lettuce Wedges With Quick Dressing
Sundae Peaches

You'll need

1 loaf French bread
1½ pounds ground beef
1 head lettuce
4 tomatoes
1 bunch parsley
1 12-ounce can whole-kernel corn
1 pound vanilla wafers
4 peaches
1 pint ice cream

Do you have?

Onions
Mayonnaise
Butter
Chili sauce
Worcestershire sauce
Lemons

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6:15 Supper's ready! Arrange Giant Burgers, broiled tomatoes, and onion rings on large platter or chop plate; garnish with parsley. Serve corn in a vegetable bowl. There—from the time you walk into the kitchen till the family sits down to eat—15 minutes for a delicious, hearty supper. This meal was planned for 4. You can adjust the amounts easily for your own family. When it's time for dessert . . . Put a cooky-crusted peach half, rounded side down, in each sherbet dish. Top each with a scoop of vanilla ice cream. If you want to keep the ice cream a surprise, put it on the bottom, peach on top

Sugar-bowl trims

If you're looking for easy, glamorous trims, just take the lid off the sugar bowl. All these are simple tricks, but see how they can transform your cakes, pies, rolls, cookies, and biscuits!

By Ida Ruth Younkin

Glaze yams for the ham platter

When the yams are cooked, strip off the skin, slice potatoes in half, and arrange on baking sheet. Dot with butter and sprinkle with brown sugar; heat in oven. Shiny and richly flavored, they go to table with slice of grilled ham

How luscious can an apple pie look?

When the pie's all ready for the oven, brush it with top milk and give it a generous sprinkle of sugar. Dash it on with your hand, like this. The sugar stays sparkly, gives pie a wonderful crustiness and a can't-wait-to-eat-it look

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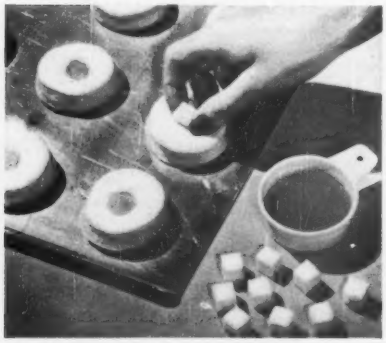
Snow-capped for tall, cool drinks

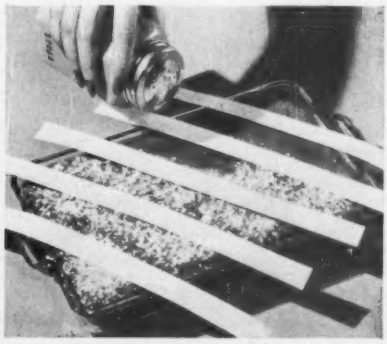
For frosty rims on tall-drink glasses, dip the glasses first in lemon juice, then in granulated sugar. Let dry while you're getting out the ice cubes. This iceberg look puts the sipper in shivery anticipation of the tinkling drink

One lump, please—for a sweet center



When biscuits are ready for the oven, brush them with top milk. Then dunk sugar cubes in orange juice; poke one in top of each biscuit. Sugar melts to make a sweet center; top milk makes the biscuits bake a rich, golden brown

Sweet and simple—a topping for your cake



Lay strips of paper on the cooled, baked cake like this. Shake on the confectioners' sugar generously. Then lift off paper strips, and you have frosty sugar strips—easy, quick decoration. Paper doily makes a fancy trim, too

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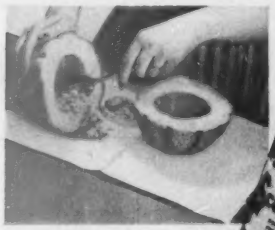

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Cash for your best recipes for angel, sponge, or chiffon cake and spring vegetable fix-ups

This month's contest pays $70 for angel, sponge, or chiffon cake recipes and spring vegetable fix-ups. If you send us the best recipe, you'll receive $10. If you win 1 of the 20 other prizes, you'll receive $3.

Cakes—angel, sponge, or chiffon—high and airy, are a cook's pride. What is your favorite?

Perhaps you make a feather-light pineapple chiffon with a fluffy whipped-cream topping. Or a cocoa angel cake with a creamy fudge and slivered almond frosting. Or you may make a glamour white-and-yellow marble cake with angel and sponge batters.

Maybe it's the flavoring that makes your cake special—a delicate blend of spices, orange or lemon juice, maple or caramel flavoring. Or is it what you serve with your cake that makes it a sure hit—strawberries and whipped cream spooned over angel cake, a hot orange sauce ladled over wedges of sponge cake.

Let us know whether you bake your cake in tube, loaf, square, or layer pans. And how you mix your cake—by hand, or with a mixer.

Spring vegetables. When the first asparagus spears, tender carrots, new potatoes, peas, or green onions appear on the market, you know spring has really come. How do you take advantage of these vegetables?

You may have an asparagus casserole that rates tops on your table—tuna, mushrooms, and asparagus in a smooth white sauce; hard-cooked egg slices, asparagus in mushroom soup.

Or a special way of serving young carrots such as giving carrot slices a honey glaze, combining carrots and orange slices in hot syrup, or baking grated carrots.

Perhaps you add mint sprigs or tiny onions to new peas, lemon-parsley butter or a seasoned white sauce to new potatoes. If you have a special platter or casserole of spring vegetables, let us know about that, too.

And remember, the winners of these 21 prizes will receive the *Better Homes & Gardens* Certificate of Endorsement and *six copies of the endorsed recipe.*

1. Write your recipe clearly on one side of the paper. Send but one recipe at a time and mark it, "April Angel, Sponge, or Chiffon Cakes" or "April Spring Vegetables."
2. Print your full name and address clearly in upper right corner of recipe page.
3. Give measurements in *level* cups, tablespoons, teaspoons, never in heaping or scant measurements.
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8. Address the recipes you enter to 5409 Tasting-Test Kitchen, *Better Homes & Gardens*, Des Moines 3, Iowa.

This month's winners

Cook-of-the-Month is Mrs. Katharine K. Smith. Her Crisp Cucumber Chips are the family favorite with hot dogs.

Mrs. E. L. Dupuy's snappy-flavored Red-and-Green Relish sparkles with color. You'll want to have several jars of Mrs. Russell Raduenz' Sunshine Piccalilli on your shelf for your winter meals.

If you like tomato relish, don't miss trying Ruby F. Ford's spicy version—Dutch Tomato Relish.

Mrs. Wayne L. Norton brings her crab-meat Party Sandwiches bubbling hot from the broiler.

Whether you fix a daily lunch box or not, try Mrs. Robert Smallwood's School-day Sandwich with its seasoned beef filling.

Although they're not Dagwoods, Mrs. Floyd W. Trail's Gooey Buns have real he-man flavor.

Mrs. J. M. Galica's open-faced cream cheese Snackwiches are heated till cheese puffs.

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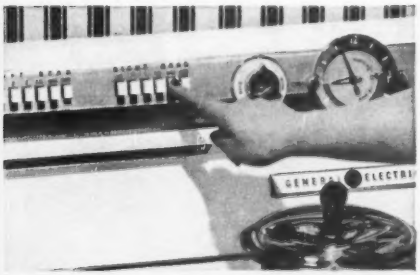

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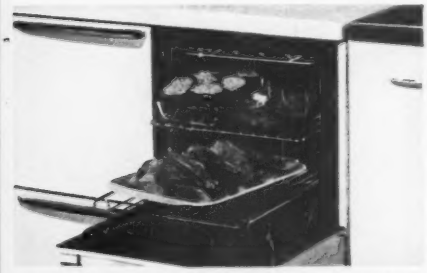

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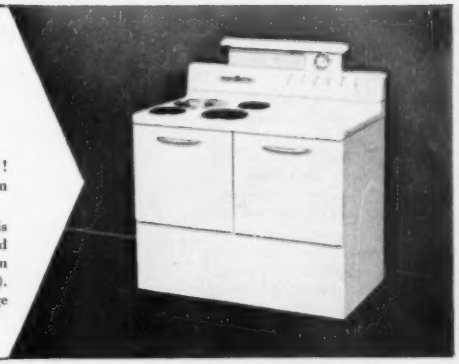

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Sunny Orange Butter Frosting

- 6 tablespoons butter
- 1½ teaspoons grated orange rind
- 3 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
- Dash of salt
- ¼ cup orange juice
- 2 drops almond extract

Cream butter and orange rind. Blend in part of sugar gradually. Add salt and mix well. Then add remaining sugar, alternately with orange juice, beating after each addition until smooth. Add almond extract and blend. Sprinkle additional grated orange rind on top of frosted cake, if desired.

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- 1 package Swans Down Instant Cake Mix
- 1 cup milk
- Seven-minute frosting
- 2 squares Baker's Unsweetened Chocolate, melted and cooled

Mix and bake cake as directed on package. Prepare seven-minute frosting, then add chocolate, stirring gently. Frost cake and garnish with pecan meats.

Lemon Frosted Spice Cake

Prepare Spice Cake as directed on Swans Down Instant Cake Mix package. Cool. Use orange frosting recipe above, substituting lemon rind for orange rind and 2 tablespoons each lemon juice and milk for orange juice. Garnish with chopped nut meats.

Orange Blossom Cake

Bake Orange Cake as directed on Instant Cake Mix package. Frost with Sunny Orange Butter Frosting.

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FALL RELISHES

Dutch Tomato Relish

Tomatoes are a beautiful red. Serve them same way you'd serve peach pickles—

7 pounds tomatoes (about 28 medium tomatoes)
3 pounds sugar
2 tablespoons whole cloves
Vinegar to cover

Peel tomatoes and cover with vinegar. Let stand overnight. Drain and add sugar and cloves (tied in cheesecloth bag). Simmer until thickened, about 30 to 40 minutes, stirring frequently. Remove bag of cloves. Pour into hot, sterilized glasses. Paraffin. Makes about six 6-ounce glasses.—*Ruby F. Ford, Arkport, New York.*

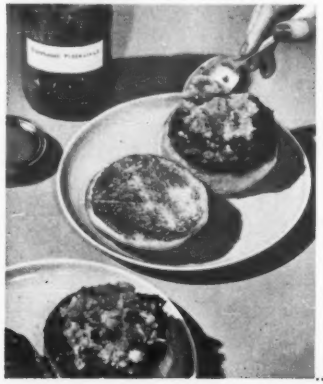
Red-and-Green Relish

You'll want to make it every year—

12 large green peppers
6 large sweet red peppers
6 medium onions
6 medium green tomatoes
3 cups sliced celery
3 cups sliced cauliflowerettes
5 cups vinegar
5 cups sugar
2 tablespoons white mustard seed
1/3 cup salt

Slice vegetables thin. Pour boiling water over vegetables and let stand 15 minutes; drain thoroughly. Pack in hot, sterilized jars. Combine remaining ingredients; heat to boiling; pour over vegetables; and seal at once. Makes 8 pints.—*Mrs. E. L. Dupuy, Cairo, Illinois.*

SANDWICHES



Sunshine Piccalilli

Open this for hamburgers and hot dogs—

18 medium carrots
6 medium cucumbers
2 large green peppers
6 medium onions
2 sweet red peppers
2 cups white vinegar
3½ cups sugar
1 teaspoon celery seed
1 teaspoon white mustard seed

Grind vegetables through medium blade of food chopper. Combine ground vegetables with remaining ingredients in large kettle and heat to boiling; simmer 15 minutes. Seal in hot, sterilized jars. Makes about 5 pints.—*Mrs. Russell Raduenz, Manitowoc, Wisconsin.*

Cooks' Round Table of Endorsed Recipes

Breads

Party Sandwiches

How about these and a cool fruit salad for your next bridge luncheon?—

8 slices bread
1 6½-ounce can crab meat, flaked
1 tablespoon lemon juice
¼ cup chili sauce
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
½ cup salad dressing

Trim crusts from bread. Toast bread on one side; spread untoasted side with butter. Combine crab meat, lemon juice, chili sauce, and Worcestershire sauce. Spread on bread, top with salad dressing, and broil until bubbly and heated through. Serves 8.—*Mrs. Wayne L. Norton, Rockford, Illinois.*

Gooey Buns

You heat them in the oven. And how the teen-agers gobble them up!—

1 pound big bologna
¾ pound sharp American cheese
¼ cup prepared mustard
⅓ cup salad dressing or mayonnaise
1 tablespoon minced onion
2 tablespoons chopped sweet pickle

Grind bologna and cheese. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Cut Coney buns in half; spread with butter, then filling. Wrap each bun in aluminum foil or waxed paper. Heat in slow oven (325°) 25 minutes. Makes 12.—*Mrs. Floyd W. Trail, Moscow, Idaho.*

Snackwiches

You'll like them for appetizers or as snacks with salads—

8 2½-inch rounds o. triangles bread
2 tablespoons melted butter
1 3-ounce package cream cheese
1 egg yolk
1 teaspoon grated onion
¼ teaspoon sage
Few grains salt

Brush bread with melted butter; toast under broiler until golden. Spread untoasted side of each piece of bread with 1 tablespoon **Cheese Spread:** Combine cream cheese and egg yolk; beat with fork until fluffy. Add onion, sage, and salt; blend. Makes ½ cup spread. Spread on bread. Place under broiler until cheese is puffy; serve hot.—*Mrs. J. M. Galica, Chicago, Illinois.*

Chipped-Beef Sandwiches

(Not pictured)

Easy ingredients to have on hand—

1 4-ounce package dried beef
2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
1 tablespoon minced onion
Salad dressing
Few drops lemon juice

Cut dried beef fine with scissors. Add chopped eggs, onion, and enough salad dressing to get a spreading consistency. Add lemon juice and mix thoroughly.—*Mrs. Frank C. Medaris, Harveyton, Kentucky.*

School-day Sandwich

An easy, hearty meat sandwich for the lunch box or lunch at home—

1 12-ounce can corned beef
½ cup catsup
½ cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons chopped sweet pickles
1 tablespoon grated onion

Shred meat with fork; add remaining ingredients and stir with fork until blended. Spread between slices of rye bread. Makes 2½ cups.—*Mrs. Robert Smallwood, Mohawk, New York.*

Cooks' Round Table of Endorsed Recipes

Canning

Crisp Cucumber Chips

Prizewinners because they're everybody's favorite—old-fashioned, crisp pickle slices—

1 quart thinly sliced cucumbers
¾ cup sliced onion
1 cup chopped green pepper
1 cup chopped sweet red pepper
1 cup chopped celery
¼ cup salt water
1 cup vinegar
1 cup water
1 cup sugar
1 tablespoon white mustard seed
½ teaspoon turmeric

Place vegetables in pan or bowl; sprinkle with salt and cover with water. Let stand 2 to 3 hours; drain. Combine remaining ingredients and heat to boiling; add vegetables and simmer 3 minutes; seal in hot, sterilized jars. Makes about 2 pints.—*Mrs. Katharine K. Smith, Blairsville, Pennsylvania.*

Here's a Supper that SINGS

WITH FLAVOR AND GOODNESS!

UNEXPECTED GUEST MEAL

A company dinner—ready in 5 minutes!

Next time friends drop in unexpectedly, ask them to stay for a delicious supper of Franco-American Spaghetti—say, with a combination salad and coffee.

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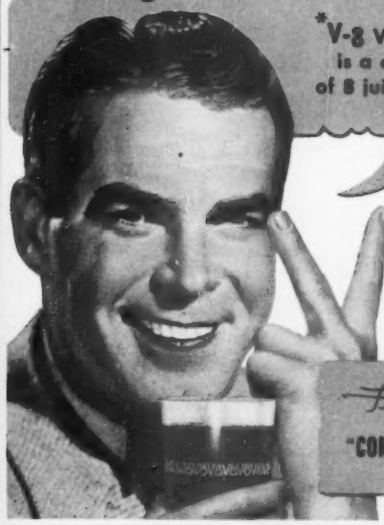

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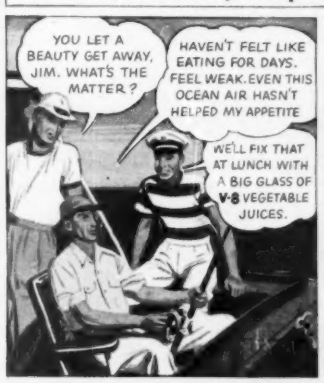

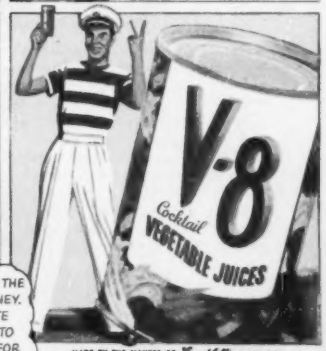

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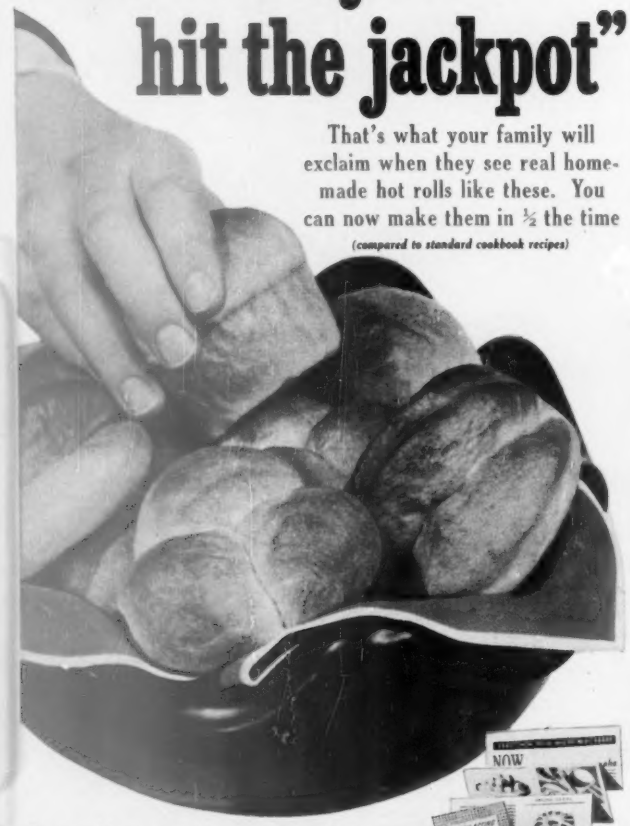

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See how a kitchen can save you work

The kitchen in R. S. Hawkins' home in Tucson saves steps, makes work go smoothly. The pictures show you why

Dishes and glasses used every day are in cabinets around range, silverware in divided drawer below. Pots and pans are in panel near range

Company dishes, linens are in cabinet near dining-room door. Place mats are on pull-out shelves. Cabinet, left, holds food supplies. Rarely used vases, dishes go in cabinet above

Maple mixing top is 4 inches lower than other counters. The hanging canister shelf leaves extra space on mixing counter

Well-planned cabinets span three walls. Counters border range, refrigerator, sink. Room is lighted by center fluorescent unit and recessed light over sink

Opposite end of the room is the laundry. The floor-to-ceiling cabinet shelves hold the washday supplies. The service door, right, leads outside

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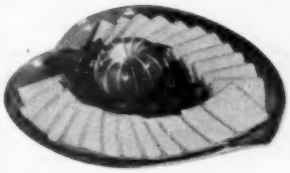
Slice me



Melt me

Shred me

Toast me

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Easy to fix—*good* eating! Toast bread. Top with slices of Swift's Brookfield Cheese Food and strips of Swift's Premium Bacon. Grill under broiler until toasty brown. Buy in the 2-lb. loaf—keep this delicious cheese food on hand for the family.

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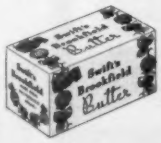

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ONCE YOU TRY THIS EXCITING NEW PASTRY RECIPE, YOU CAN FORGET ALL OTHER METHODS FOREVER!

- **No pie-making experience needed!**
- **Guaranteed* better than pastry made any other way!**
- **So much easier to roll and handle than other methods!**
- **Stays fresh and crisp for days!**

Something sensational has happened to pastry! The Betty Crocker Staff of General Mills has developed an amazing new recipe using this new combination of ingredients: GOLD MEDAL FLOUR, salt, cold milk and WESSON OIL. That's *all* you need!

No tricky steps! "Even my 5-year-old child can make flaky, tender pastry with this new Betty Crocker recipe," says one of the scores of homemakers testing this recipe. You just stir all 4 ingredients together and roll out between waxed paper. That's *all* you do!

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Expert or beginner, you can make flaky, tender, golden-brown pastry . . . every single time! Pastry that stays crisp and fresh for days. "Even juicy fruit pies taste just as good the second day!" says another excited homemaker.

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***GUARANTEE: Full Cost of Ingredients Refunded**
If pastry made with Betty Crocker's new STIR-N-ROLL *recipe, Gold Medal Flour and Wesson Oil is not superior to pastry made with any other recipe, simply itemize cost of ingredients used and send with your letter to General Mills, Dept. 257, 625 Marquette Ave., Minneapolis 2, Minn.*

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Betty Crocker's STIR-N-ROLL PASTRY RECIPE
(DOUBLE CRUST)

Preheat oven to 425°.

1. Mix together.....**2 cups sifted Gold Medal Flour**
****1½ tsp. salt**
Add all at once.....**½ cup Wesson Oil**
and.....**⅓ cup cold whole milk**

2. Then stir lightly until mixed. Round up dough . . . divide in halves. Flatten each half slightly.

3. Place one half between 2 sheets of waxed paper (11-in. square). Roll out gently until circle reaches edges of paper. If bottom paper begins to wrinkle, turn, roll on other side. Peel off top paper. If dough cracks or breaks, mend by pressing edges together . . . or by pressing a scrap lightly over tear.

4. Lift paper and pastry by top corners; they will cling together. Place (paper side up) in 8 or 9-in. pie pan. Carefully peel off paper. Gently ease and fit pastry into pan. Trim even with rim.

Top Crust: Roll as above and place over apple filling. Trim to rim. Seal by pressing with fork or by fluting edge. Snip 3 or 4 small slits near center. Bake about 40 minutes in hot oven (425°).

IMPORTANT! For a one-crust pie shell make half recipe. Place rolled dough in pan. Prick *thoroughly* with fork. Bake 8 to 10 minutes in very hot oven (475°).

**With Self-Rising Flour omit salt and reduce baking temperature 50°. Bake double-crust pie about 50 minutes.

BETTY CROCKER PROMISES YOU PERFECT PASTRY *ONLY* WITH GOLD MEDAL FLOUR

Start with your flour! The Betty Crocker Staff developed this exciting *new* STIR-N-ROLL pastry recipe to make full use of the superior, uniform baking qualities of Gold Medal Flour.

You can count on Gold Medal! Its superb baking qualities never vary. Each cupful always acts the same... to help assure *perfect* STIR-N-ROLL pastry *every* time!

IT MUST BE BETTER

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This revolutionary new Betty Crocker recipe developed exclusively for

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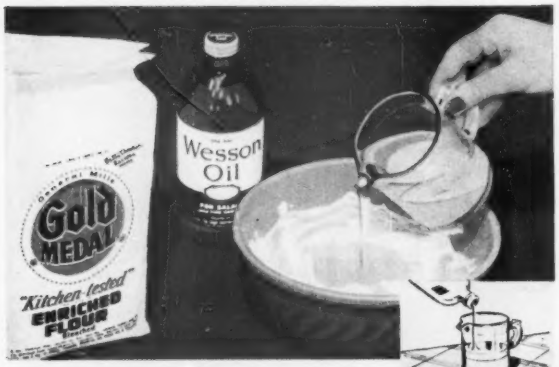
NO cutting in shortening! NO guessing at liquid!



Wesson Oil easier to measure than solid shortening!

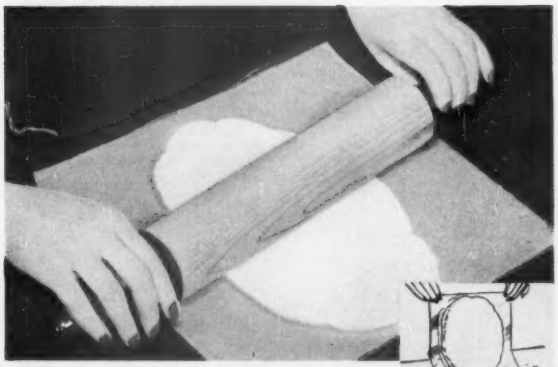
1 **Revolutionary Recipe!** 4 simple ingredients: Gold Medal Flour, salt, cold milk and Wesson Oil—all in one bowl. That's *all* you need!

NO sticky dough! NO risk of overhandling!

Divide pastry. Round halves and flatten slightly.

2 **Nothing easier! Just stir lightly!** Dough looks moist, but isn't sticky. Pick up dough and round into ball. Dough is more pliable . . . easier to handle.

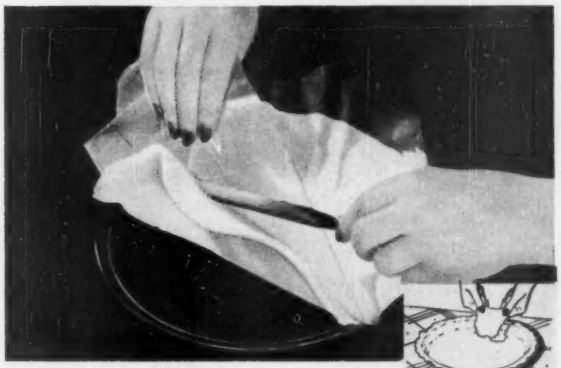
NO messy floured board to clean up!



Pick up paper at top corners; dough will stick to paper.

3 **Amazing! Roll out between waxed paper.** Place one half between two 11-in. squares. Roll out gently until circle reaches edges of paper. Peel off top paper.

NO dampening! NO difficult sealing!



Mends easily without moistening! Press extra dough lightly over tear.

4 **Pan-ready! Hold paper over pan.** Dough clings until you gently loosen into pan. Shape. Trim to rim. Add filling and top crust. Seal with fork.

AND WESSON OIL

BETTY CROCKER USES **WESSON OIL** FOR HER THRILLING STIR-N-ROLL PASTRY

You can see why:

- Wesson Oil is pure *vegetable* oil. Wesson is so light and mild, your pastry is assured delicacy of flavor every time.
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Five luscious styles·
SLICED, CRUSHED, CHUNKS, TIDBITS, JUICE

New tropic super-sandwich!

Cut a **small or medium loaf of French bread** lengthwise into a top half and a bottom half. Set one half aside for other use. Cut the other half into eighths, not quite through. Top with **2 to 3 cups shredded American cheese** and **1 or 2 strips of bacon per person.** Place in moderate broiler (about 4" from heat) until bacon is crisp. Meanwhile, heat **4 slices DEL MONTE Pineapple** in its syrup. Top loaf with hot pineapple slices (cut in half for easier serving, if desired). Serves 4. (DEL MONTE Pineapple slices make a delicious topping for broiled bacon-cheese sandwiches made with regular sliced bread, too.)

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Del Monte PINEAPPLE
—the brand that puts flavor first

How a kitchen can save you work

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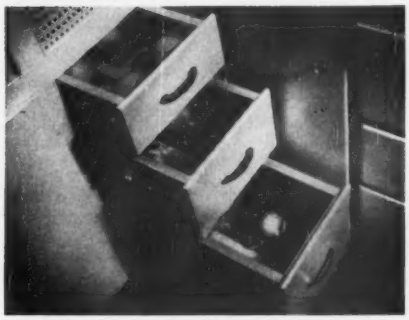
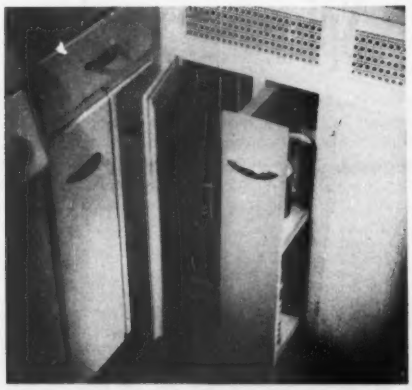
Cabinets around mixing counter hold tools and foods used on the spot. Above: File shelf for pans, food supplies, seasonings, and cook books. Below: Mixing bowls are in pull-out panel



Drawers with screen bottoms store fruits and root vegetables



Pull-out panel at left of sink brings cleaning supplies out for quick and easy selection. Adjoining space holds trays

It's Good so many ways

SAUCES WITH SPARK! Extra-smooth and creamy. That's what you can count on with *Real* Mayonnaise. It's America's favorite! Try **Lemon and Orange Sauce** for fish: Blend 1 c. *Real* Mayonnaise, 1 tsp. lemon juice, ¼ c. orange juice, and 1 tsp. grated orange rind. (Yield: 1⅓ c.)

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Real Mayonnaise

PARTY SALADS or hearty salads really *take* to *Real* Mayonnaise! **Raspberry Mousse:** Dissolve 2 pkgs. raspberry gelatin in 3 c. hot water; add 1 tbs. lemon juice. Pour ¼-inch layer of gelatin into 2-qt. mold. When rest of gelatin is partly thickened, beat fluffy; add ½ c. *Real* Mayonnaise. Put in mold. Chill. Unmold; serve with **Cream Mayonnaise:** Combine ⅓ c. *Real* Mayonnaise and ⅓ c. heavy cream, whipped.

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Real Mayonnaise

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And modern bakers really *know* their job...as the typical baker's cherry pie in the photograph below will prove.

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Buy a pie today . . . at your bake shop, your grocer's or from the baker who calls at your door. Order pie when you eat out . . . it's America's favorite dessert.

And bakers bake pie *better* now than they've ever baked before!

For extra goodness . . . warm baker's pie for 5 minutes at 250° F., leaving oven door open.

Try a **BAKER'S PIE** today...at home or in restaurants, see how good it is!

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Spiced ripe peach jam

For this recipe, fully ripened, peak-flavor peaches are cooked the least possible time with a delicious blend of spices and sliced Brazil nuts. They boil just 1 minute, so you keep all the wonderful flavor. The result is *perfect* peach jam you can be proud to serve company-night. And the recipe's so easy.

4 cups fruit
¼ cup lemon juice
7½ cups sugar
1 cup thinly sliced Brazil nuts
1 bottle fruit pectin

Peel and pit about 3 pounds soft ripe peaches. Chop very fine or grind. Measure 4 cups into a very large saucepan. Add ½ to 1 teaspoon each, cinnamon, cloves, and allspice, or any desired combination of spices. Squeeze the juice from 2 medium-size lemons. Measure ¼ cup into saucepan with peaches. Add nuts. Add sugar to fruit in saucepan and mix well. Place over high heat, bring to a full rolling boil, and boil hard 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and at once stir in bottled fruit pectin.

Then stir and skim by turns for 5 minutes to cool slightly and to prevent floating fruit. Ladle quickly into glasses. Paraffin at once. Makes eleven 6-ounce glasses.

Spiced grape jam

You use both the grape skins and the pulp for this rich spread. So 3 pounds makes 12 glasses of spread. Add to the vine-ripe grapes the tang of fresh spices—you have a *perfect* grape jam that makes opening a jar a special occasion.

3 pounds Concord grapes
1 cup water
¼ to 1 teaspoon each cinnamon, ginger, and allspice
7 cups sugar
1 box powdered fruit pectin

Wash grapes; separate skins from pulp. Add water and spices to pulp; heat to boiling, cover, and simmer 5 minutes; sieve to remove seeds. Chop skins and add to pulp. Measure 5½ cups of grape mixture into large saucepan and place over high heat. Add powdered fruit pectin and stir until mixture comes to hard boil. Stir in sugar at once. Heat to *full rolling* boil and boil hard 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, skim, ladle quickly into hot, sterilized glasses, and seal. Paraffin at once. Makes twelve 6-ounce glasses.

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A. Designed especially for your home

B. Completely equipped with matched appliances

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Act now . . .

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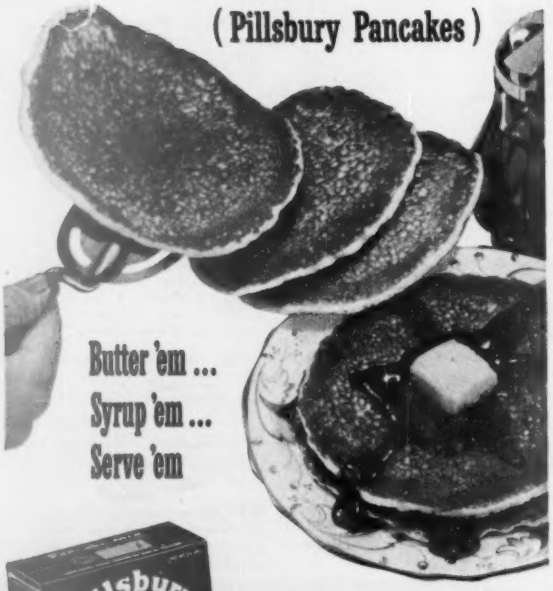
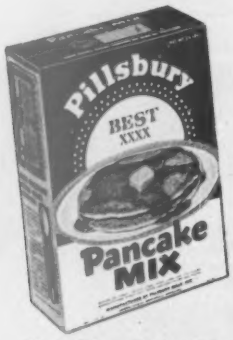
(Pillsbury Pancakes)





Wonderful for waffles, too. And for old-fashioned buckwheat flavor—with new lightness—try Pillsbury Buckwheat Mix.

"Pillsbury, you read my mind."

That's what folks all over the country are writing in to say about these lighter Pillsbury Pancakes. People just naturally want light pancakes. And Pillsbury has developed this pancake mix of theirs over the years to make certain that you can always turn out pancakes that are truly light, fluffy and tender. Golden brown in color. Delicate in flavor. And you make them in no time—just stir in the milk. So stack 'em up. Eat your fill of these light, *light* Pillsbury Pancakes.

Pillsbury BEST XXXX Mixes

You and Ann Pillsbury can make a great team

Pillsbury PANCAKE MIX

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These help you make a perfect pie

By Janice Price

You can make a perfect pie with a tender, flaky crust in less time if you use the right tools. For instance, cutting shortening into flour with a blending fork or pastry blender takes less energy than using two knives and two hands. Or using a lightweight rolling pin with revolving, comfortable handles is easier than using the old-fashioned, heavy rolling pin. There are new motionsaving sifters, too.

For nonstop, speedy pastrymaking, line up your tools before you start. If you use a convenient piecrust mix, you'll need a mixing bowl, a fork for adding the water to the mix, a rolling pin, a pastry cloth, and a piepan. When you make pastry from scratch, you'll need measuring cups and spoons, a spatula for leveling off ingredients, a rubber scraper for scooping out every bit of measured shortening, and a blender. See how easily you can put a pie together when you use the right tools.

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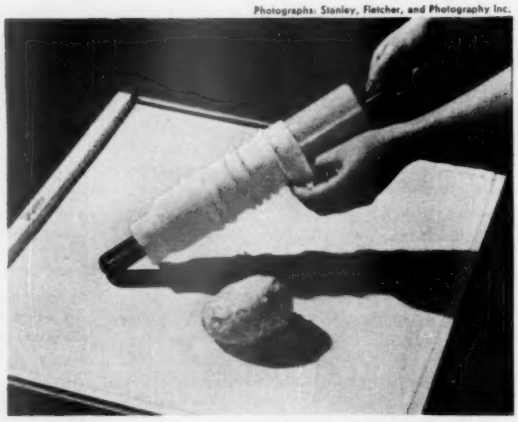

Rolling out pastry is easier with a good rolling pin and a pastry cloth. The rolling pin in picture has revolving handles shaped to your palms. A knit slipcover pulled over it takes up flour and prevents sticking. Some rolling pins are hollow, so you can fill them with ice to keep the pastry cold. Pastry cloth shown has frame that hooks over edge of counter.

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Measuring cups

Sift flour with easy-to-use sifter, such as 1-cup size that fits into cup top for no spill-over; 5-cup size that comes apart for washing; glass sifter with two compartments, so you can double-sift by just turning sifter over; or triple sifter that has three screens flour goes through in one trip. Measure flour in standard cup, salt in measuring spoon. Level tops of dry ingredients with spatula, so amounts are just right.

Broad spatula

Triple sifter

5-cup sifter

1-cup sifter

Glass sifter

Add shortening, carefully measured and scooped out of cup with rubber scraper. Cut shortening into flour with blending fork or pastry blender. Either does a quick, thorough job. Use a generous-size mixing bowl—stainless steel, aluminum, glass, or pottery. Next you'll need a pastry canvas and a good rolling pin, both shown at left, and a pie plate (see page 93).

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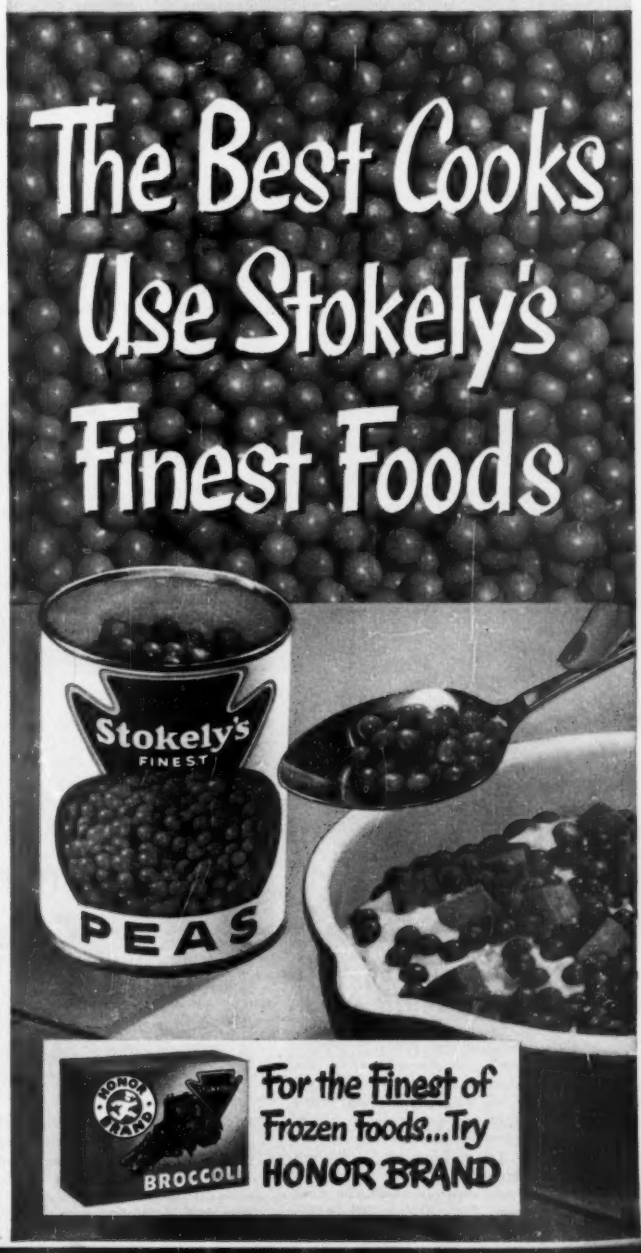
HASTY-TASTY CASSEROLE: Mix 1 can **cream of mushroom soup** with 2 tbsp. liquid from No. 303 can **Stokely's Finest Peas.** Dice **cooked ham** to make 1½ cups. Arrange layers of ham, drained peas and soup in 1½ qt. baking dish. Top with ½ cup grated **cheese.** Bake 25 min. at 350°F.



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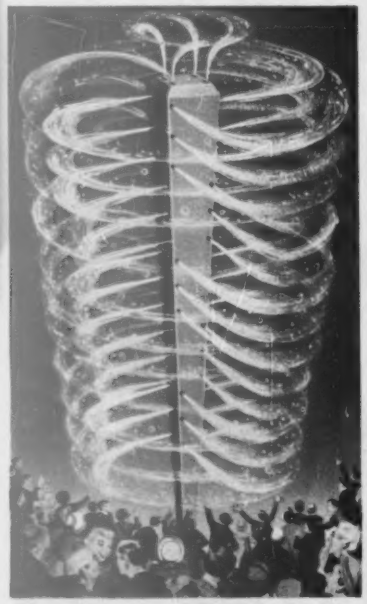

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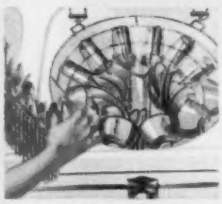
HERES ALL YOU DO!

1. SCRAPE loose food waste into opening of Youngstown Kitchens Food Waste Disposer or receptacle. No other preparation for Jet-Tower washing! Then *without* removing scientifically designed baskets . . .



2. PLACE dishes in Dishwasher where they are automatically positioned for perfect washing by chrome-plated baskets. Every article slides into position smoothly, easily. Add small quantity of detergent. Close lid and . . .

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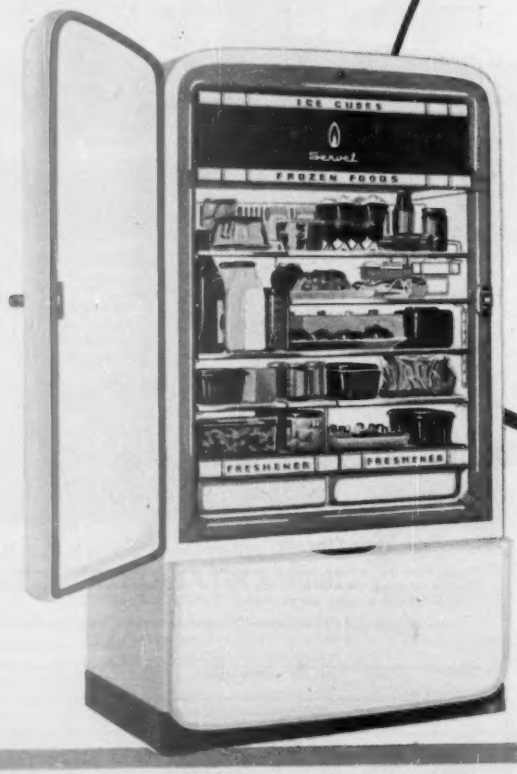

A DEPENDABLE JET OF GAS FLAME MAKES IT FREEZE

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REMEMBER WHEN YOU CHOOSE—IT'S THE FREEZING SYSTEM THAT COUNTS

These help make a pie

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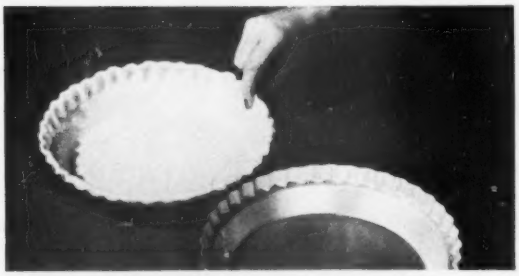
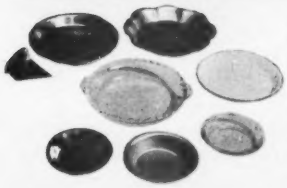
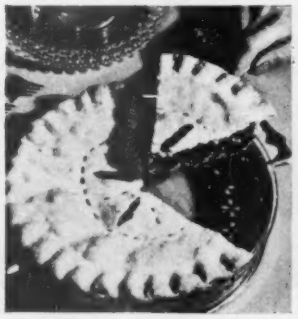




Pie bakers come in all sizes from tart to 10-inch. Crimped pans help you flute a single pie shell, give double-crust fruit pies a high rim, so juice won't bubble out. Sectional piepans may have scalloped edge to guide cutting, or a lift-out segment. Use paper throwaway pans for freezing pies.

Decorate edge of pie with pastry crimper if fluting by hand is a chore for you. Sometimes, cut crimped strips of pastry and weave them for a lattice top. Or stamp cutouts from the top crust with tiny cooky cutters. For a uniform, golden brown, brush a little top milk over crust and sprinkle it with sugar before baking.



Finished pie looks extra dressed up if you bring it to the table in its own holder, then cut and serve it on the spot. The pie you made is perfect—put on a show.

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Coffee Ice Cream. A cool bite of Coffee Ice Cream and a sip of piping hot coffee—there's good eating for dessert

Mocha Sodas. They're Coffee Ice Cream plus ginger ale. Eat with a spoon

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Sugar-bowl trims

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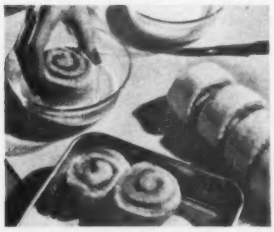
Sugar dip for sparkly cookies

For sparkling tops on cookies, dip each ball of dough in granulated sugar; place the dough, sugar side up, on the baking sheet. For uniform cookies, dip dough out with tablespoon measure. When cookies are baked, they're perfect rounds, the sugar crystals twinkle

Cinnamon buns with crusty tops



For those crusty, sugar-topped cinnamon buns you admire, cut cinnamon rolls 1 inch thick. Dip roll in top milk, then in sugar. Place, sugar side up, in baking pan. Let rise and bake. The sugar makes the beautiful, crusty top. Rolls are perfect now with big cup of coffee

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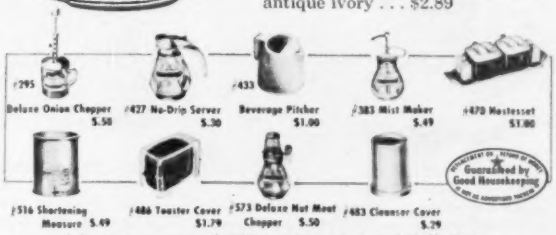

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Sugar-bowl trims *Continued from page 97*

Frost the grapes for garnish

Dip bunches of grapes first in egg white beaten till frothy, then in granulated sugar. Lay on rack to dry a few hours. Paper under rack catches the shakings. Frosted grapes garnish a cool dessert plate or individual salads. Or use smaller bunches on meat platter

Sugar melts for luscious top

Make a rich stirred custard and cool it in an 8-inch round baking dish. Two hours before serving, sprinkle it with brown sugar or maple sugar. Set baking dish in pan of ice cubes; broil dessert about 4 minutes. Chill. It's delicious on peach slices or as is

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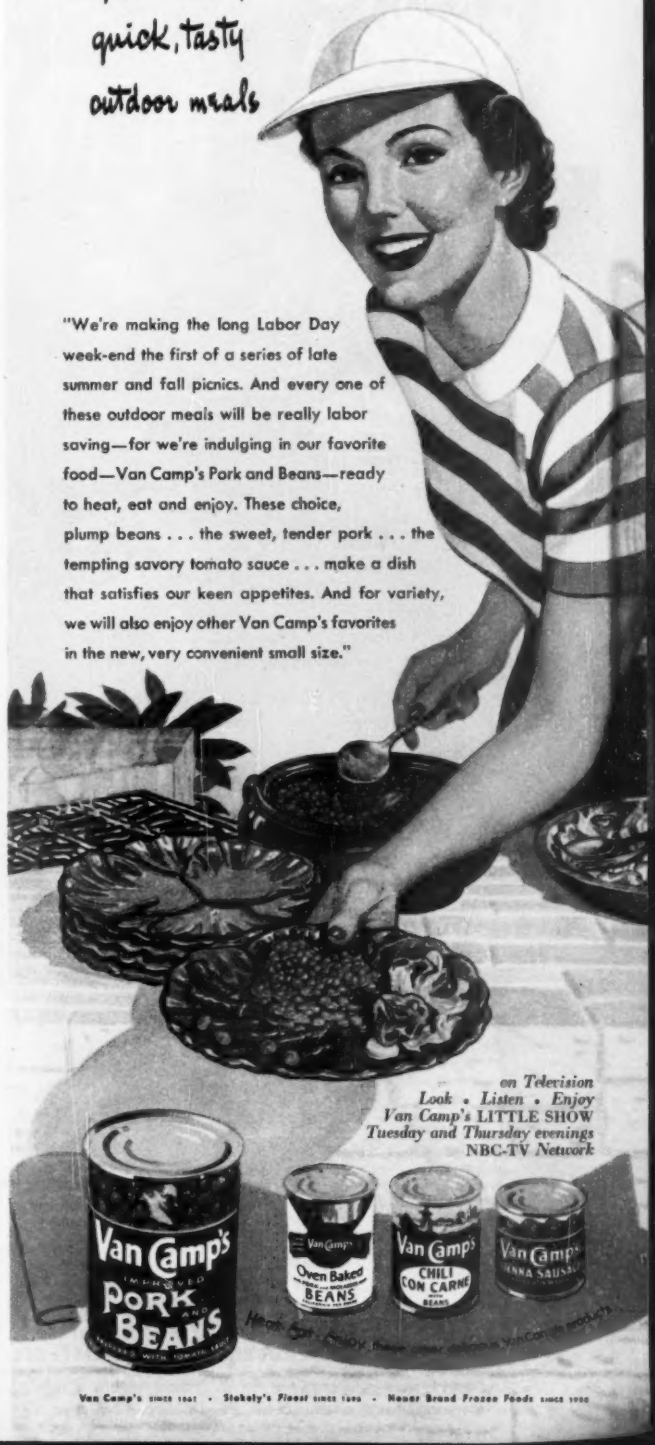

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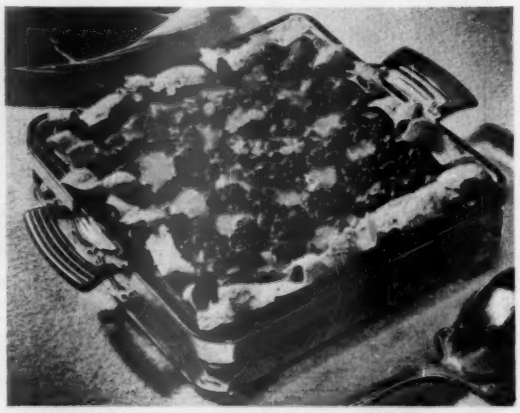
Chips, chips—hurray!

By Flo Lyle

Potato chips, corn chips—picnics and parties wouldn't be the same without them. But have you ever thought of cooking with chips?

See how potato chips or corn chips add crunchy goodness to the Chipper Tuna Casserole, the Mock Enchiladas, the Southern Hominy-Corn Chip Bake. Try potato and corn chips with the Snappy Cheese Dip for informal afternoon or evening refreshments. And use them as crispy toppers on your own casserole favorites, too.

Chipper Tuna Casserole. Layers of crunchy potato chips, tender flaked tuna fish, and delicate-flavored cream of mushroom soup alternate to make this quick 'n' easy casserole. And it bakes in just 25 minutes. Serve Chipper Tuna Casserole with fat spears of buttered asparagus



Mock Enchiladas. Chili con carne mixture simmers between layers of corn chips and cheese. Here's a quick meal-in-a-dish with thrifty ingredients and genuine south-of-the-border flavor. Basket of corn bread, made from a packaged mix, and tossed salad complete this easy meal

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Save-you suggestion: A "breakfast supply shelf" in a handy location—to keep cereals, jams, canned juices, coffee together. Saves time and trit-trot!

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Enjoys tour. Mrs. June Regnier of Salem, Mass. is a bacteriologist (and now the bride of a physician). After her trip through the Kellogg plant, she writes, "My, you people are perfect housekeepers . . . a spotless factory!"

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No breakfast is no-go for losing weight, says *Reader's Digest* reporting on tests with women university students. And the *hidden hunger* caused by skipping breakfast causes tired mind, body and nerves. You look better and feel better on a nourishing breakfast!

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Mother! On the breakfast table, set up a tray with sugar bowl, salt 'n' pepper, silver, paper napkins. Spin-the-tray service helps everybody help himself!

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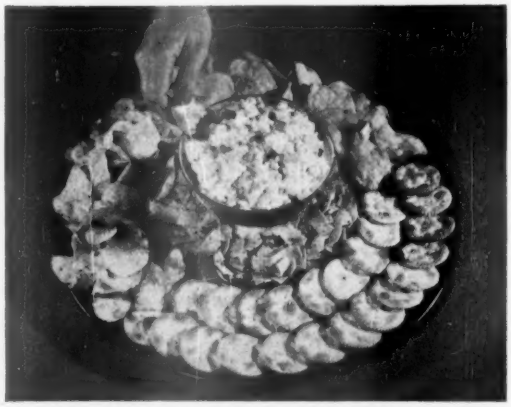
Southern Hominy-Corn Chip Bake. Hominy cooks in a seasoned tomato sauce, then bakes with layers of crisp corn chips and grated cheese



Snappy Cheese Dip. Just right to serve with potato chips, corn chips, or assorted crackers for appetizers. Dip is a blend of cream cheese, Blue cheese, and seasonings—creamy enough for dunking chips with ease

Chipper Tuna Casserole

1 10½- or 11-ounce can condensed cream of mushroom soup
¾ cup milk
2 teaspoons minced onion
½ teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 7-ounce can tuna fish, flaked
3 cups coarsely crushed potato chips

Combine soup, milk, and onion. Heat to boiling, stirring constantly. Season. Sprinkle lemon juice over tuna. Alternate layers of tuna and potato chips in greased 6x10-inch baking dish. Pour over soup mixture. Sprinkle potato chips or slivered blanched almonds over top, if desired. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 25 minutes. Serves 5 to 6.

Mock Enchiladas

1 pound ground beef
2 tablespoons fat
⅓ cup chopped onion
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
1 No. 1 can (2 cups) chili con carne with beans
1 1½-ounce package corn chips
½ pound (1¼ cups) American cheese, diced

Brown meat in hot fat. Add onion; cook until golden. Season with salt and pepper. Add chili con carne. Place layer of corn chips in greased 1½-quart baking dish. Alternate layers of chili con carne mixture, corn chips, and cheese. Bake in moderate oven (350°) about 10 minutes.

Southern Hominy-Corn Chip Bake

½ cup chopped onion
2 tablespoons fat
1 No. 2 can (2½ cups) hominy
1 8-ounce can (1 cup) seasoned tomato sauce
1 teaspoon chili powder
½ teaspoon salt
1 4-ounce package corn chips, crushed
1 cup grated American cheese

Cook onion in hot fat until golden. Add hominy, tomato sauce, and seasonings; heat to boiling. Line a 1½-quart casserole with

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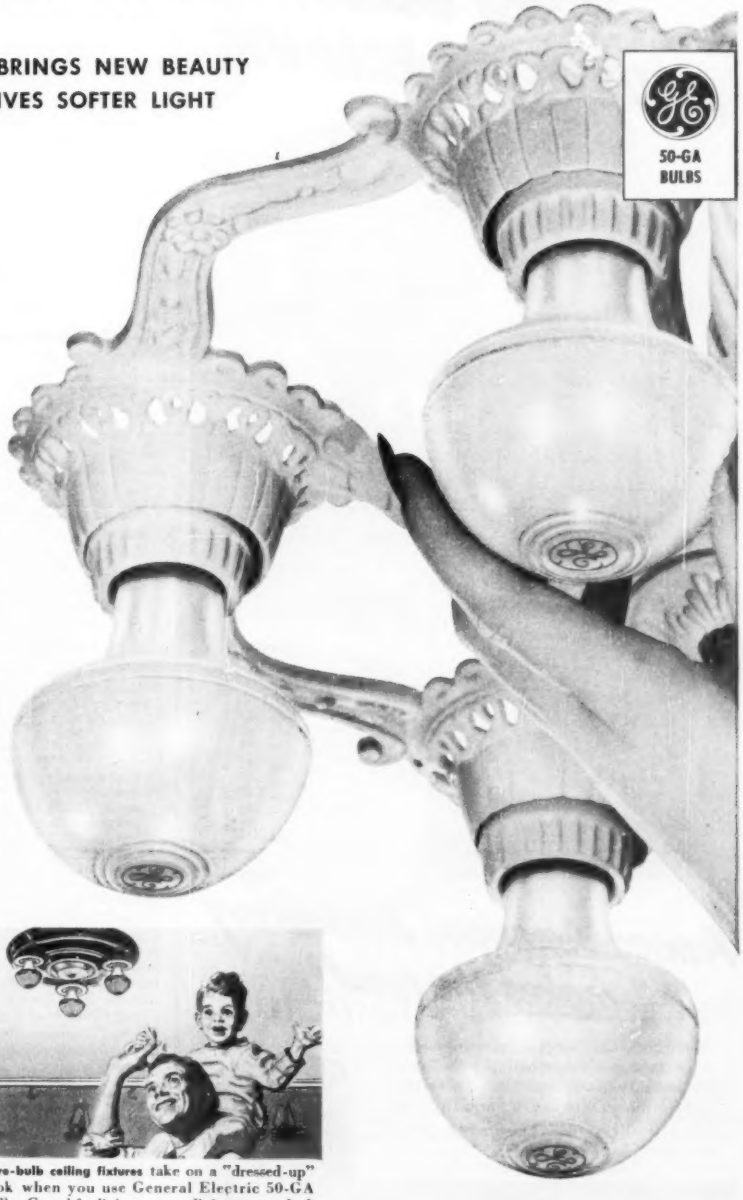

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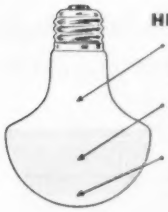

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Chips, chips—hurray!

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crushed corn chips. Alternate layers of hominy mixture, cheese, and corn chips. Bake in moderate oven (350°) until cheese melts, about 20 minutes. Serves 6.

Snappy Cheese Dip

- 4 3-ounce packages cream cheese
- ¼ pound Blue cheese
- 1 tablespoon grated onion
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

Mash cream cheese with a fork. Add crumbled Blue cheese, stirring. Add onion and Worcestershire sauce. Mix well. Or whip all, using your electric mixer. Pile lightly in dish. Sprinkle with chopped parsley. Serve with assorted crackers, corn chips, and potato chips. Makes 1½ cups.

Festive fall meals

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with its well-seasoned filling of tomatoes, sausage, onion, and cheese, tastes like the pizza at famous Italian restaurants.

Planning for guests? Try the Veal Scallopini, Spaghetti and Meat Balls, Stuffed Peppers, or Pizza. They're easy to fix. And with a chilled tossed salad, crusty rolls, and a dessert, they make a meal. You'll like the way they go easy on the pocketbook, too. See the recipes below.

Veal Scallopini

Tender veal slices, hot buttered noodles, and a red tomato-and-mushroom sauce—

- 8 slices leg of veal, less than ½ inch thick
- ¼ cup enriched flour
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- ⅛ teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 tablespoon concentrated meat extract or 1 bouillon cube
- 1 cup hot water
- 1 8-ounce can seasoned tomato sauce
- 2 3-ounce cans sliced, broiled mushrooms

Flatten each piece of meat by pounding with a tenderizer or mallet. Coat with mixture of flour and seasonings. Brown until golden in hot fat. Dissolve meat extract in hot water, pour over meat, and bake in moderate oven (350°) 30 minutes. Pour over tomato sauce, top with mushrooms, and continue baking 15 minutes. Serve with hot buttered noodles. Sprinkle top with chopped parsley.

Meat-stuffed Peppers

With fresh corn, juicy ripe tomatoes—

- 8 green peppers
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 pound ground beef
- 2 tablespoons fat
- 4 medium-size tomatoes, chopped
- 1½ cups cut, fresh corn (3 to 4 ears)
- Salt and pepper

Remove top and seeds from green peppers; precook in boiling water 5 minutes; drain. Brown onion and meat in hot fat; add tomatoes, corn, and seasonings; stuff peppers and top with buttered crumbs. Stand upright in greased baking dish; add ¼ cup water.

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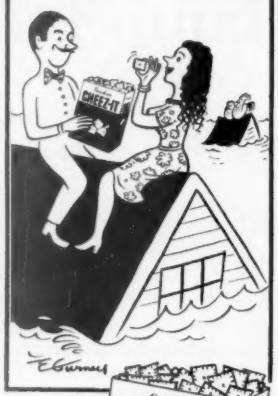

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Full-meal Vegetable Soup

A delicious blend of garden flavors—

3- to 4-pound beef soupbone
2 quarts cold water
1 small onion, quartered
2 teaspoons salt
2 cups quartered tomatoes
6 sprigs parsley
2 cups chopped cabbage
¼ cup macaroni rings or letters
5 or 6 carrots, sliced
2 cups green Lima beans
1 cup diced potato
½ cup chopped celery

Cut half the meat from the bone and brown in hot fat. Add remaining meat and bone to cold water. Add browned meat, onion, and salt; cook slowly 2 or 3 hours. Add vegetables and continue cooking 1 hour. Serves 8 to 10.

Italian Squash

Perfect for an oven meal—

6 medium-size zucchini
3 cups soft bread crumbs
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 small onion, minced
3 tablespoons minced parsley
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
2 beaten eggs
2 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine

Wash zucchini; cut off ends; don't pare. Cook in boiling, salted water 5 minutes. Halve lengthwise; remove pulp with spoon; combine with bread crumbs, cheese, onion, parsley, salt, pepper, and eggs. Fill zucchini shells; dot with butter; sprinkle with additional cheese. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 30 minutes. Serves 6.

Spaghetti and Meat Balls

The seasoning and simmering of the sauce are its secret of success—

Sauce

1 onion, chopped
3 tablespoons fat
2½ cups cooked fresh tomatoes or 1 No. 2 can tomatoes
2 6-ounce cans tomato paste
2 cups water
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
1 tablespoon sugar
1 bay leaf

Meat Balls

¾ pound ground beef
¼ pound pork
1 cup fine, dry bread crumbs
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 sprig parsley, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
½ cup milk
2 beaten eggs
Salt and pepper

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1 8-ounce package long spaghetti, cooked

Brown onion in hot fat; add tomatoes, tomato paste, water, and seasonings. Cook slowly 1 hour. Combine remaining ingredients except spaghetti; mix thoroughly. Form in small balls, about 1½ inches in diameter; brown in hot fat. Add to sauce and cook over low heat 15 minutes. Serve with spaghetti. Sprinkle with more Parmesan cheese. Serves 6.

American Pizza

Biscuit mix makes this easy to make—

1 pound bulk pork sausage
⅛ teaspoon thyme
½ clove garlic, minced
2 cups biscuit mix
½ cup milk
1 cup grated American cheese
1 No. 2 can (2½ cups) tomatoes, drained, or 2½ cups cooked fresh tomatoes

Brown sausage in skillet; pour off excess fat. Add thyme and minced garlic. Combine biscuit mix and milk as directed on package. Turn onto waxed paper. Knead lightly. Roll or pat dough on lightly floured surface to fit shallow 9-inch round pan. Spread meat filling over dough. Top with cheese, then tomatoes. Bake in hot oven (450°) about 25 minutes. Cut in wedges to serve. Serves 5 to 6. To make scallops on rim of pizza, cut dough with tip of teaspoon, bowl side down.

Caraway Bread Sticks

You can make them extra crusty—

1 cup scalded milk
¼ cup shortening
1 tablespoon sugar
1½ teaspoons salt
1 cake fresh or 1 package granular yeast
1 egg
½ teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon leaf sage
2 teaspoons caraway seed
3 cups enriched flour

Combine milk, shortening, sugar, and salt; cool to lukewarm. Add yeast; mix well. Add egg, nutmeg, sage, and seed. Gradually stir in flour to form a soft dough. Beat vigorously; cover and store in refrigerator about 2 hours or until needed. Divide chilled dough into 3 dozen small pieces, roll by hand into 8-inch cylindrical strips, and place on greased baking sheet, 1 inch apart. Let rise till double in bulk, about 1½ hours. Bake in hot oven (400°) 15 minutes. If you like bread sticks extra crusty, brush with egg white mixed with 1 tablespoon water before sticks rise and again during baking.

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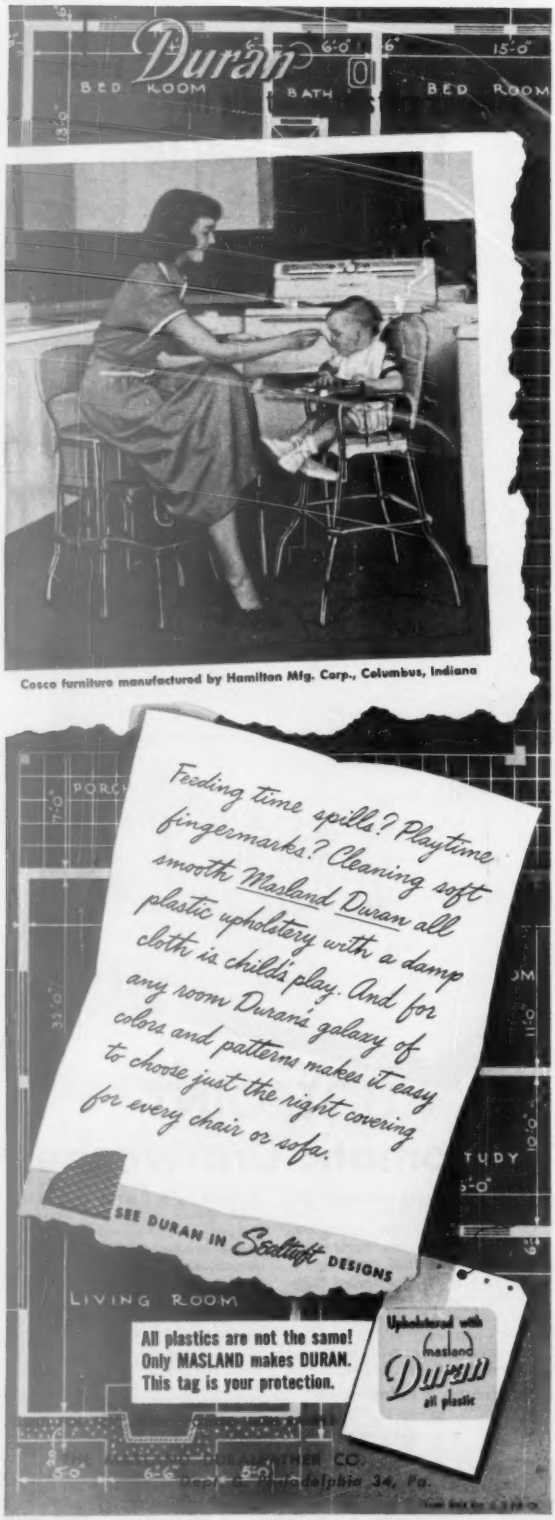


You can make bamboo draperies

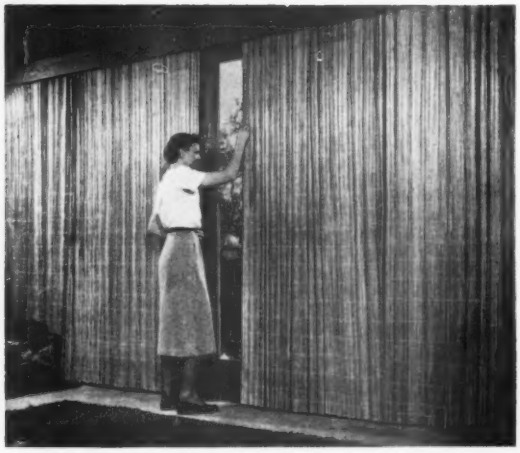
By Colleen Kelly

Hunting for a low-cost window treatment? We were when we hit upon the idea of hanging bamboo porch screens like regular draperies. As bonus we find our bamboo draperies give us lots of light and air—plus easy privacy control.

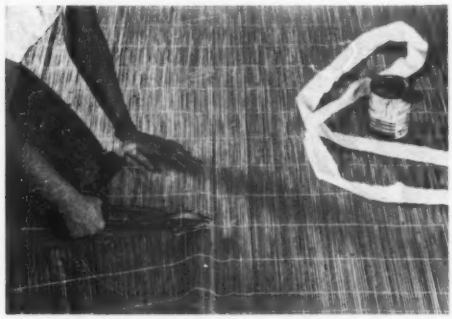
Making draperies out of roll-type screens is easier than it sounds. But it does take patience. These step-by-step photographs show how you can do it for your own home.

1 Remove pulley and bamboo poles. First take off pulleys and pulley cords. Then carefully untie (don't cut) the strings which weave through the splinters and anchor them to the bamboo poles at the top and bottom of the roll screen. Free each set of double strings from its pole—and discard poles. You won't need poles for draperies. Then retie the strings tightly against the end splinters. This is slow work, but it isn't difficult.

3 Cement tape in place. Brush trim cement (from an auto-supply store) along the top edge of the draperies on one side. Follow the guideline you drew. Smear more cement along half of a 2½-inch strip of denim. When both are tacky, press the denim tape down on the draperies and firm it into place. Turn the drapery over and cement denim to the other side, folding the tape over the splinter ends when the cement gets tacky.



Smart, made-at-home bamboo draperies hang from wooden cornice that supports drapery hardware. Be sure your cornice extends at least two inches from the wall so you can draw draperies easily.



2 Cut draperies to right length. Measure your window to find exact length you want. And line up bamboo splinters against a wall to make sure you get a straight edge. Then cut splinters with heavy scissors or sheet-metal shears. Row of string must be within half-inch of splinter tips at one end. (You may need to trim both ends to do it.) Pencil a line across this end—1¼ inch from top edge—to guide in cementing tape.

Photographs: Morley Baer

4 Pin drapery hooks into tape. You'll need one hook every three or four inches to make draperies hang evenly. Use pliers to force pin ends through cloth tape and into position. Top of hooks should be near drapery top. And all hooks must be in a straight line—check with a yardstick to be sure. When all the hooks are in, your draperies will be ready to hang. Your cornice board will hide any denim tape that shows at the drapery top.

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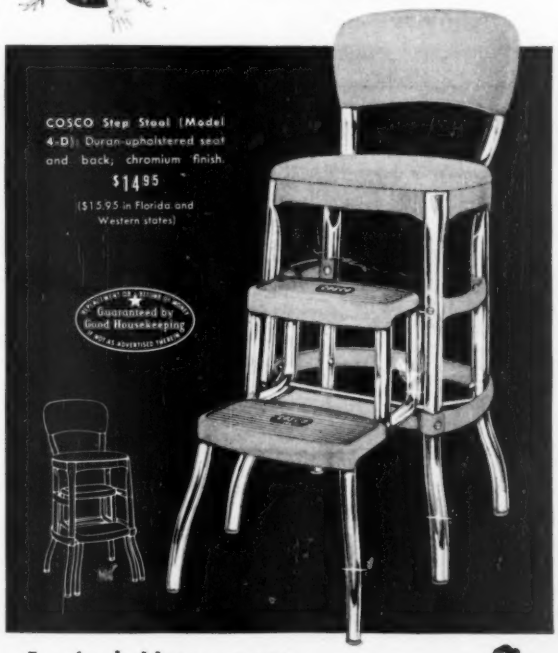

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Here are cooky jars that will add new, lively interest to your kitchen and that are really fun for anyone to raid.

By Chris Hopkins

Plump Mexican cooky jar, handmade, is brown, with green, ivory, and black trim. It adds a charming touch to a ranch-house kitchen

Speckled jar holds pretzels as well as cookies. Pigtailers will look for a snack inside their own white cooky jar. Brown jar with animal crackers around the side makes a hit with the youngsters

Fat, yellow-green pineapple cooky jar is of lightweight earthenware. Any time is "cooky time" when the big clock cooky jar is loaded with cookies. When the blue-trimmed "goodies" jar is empty, you see the words on the bottom "Please fill me." Peasant pottery jar, right, offers "sugar 'n spice, 'n everything nice"

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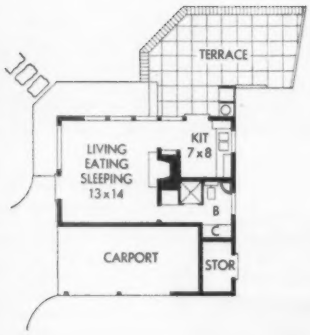
You don't need a uranium mine in the family to finance your own apartment-sized home. These photographs show how you can build both comfort and economy into your pocket-edition house



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You can build a small home that will give you the convenience and compactness of an apartment—without the drawbacks of an apartment.

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A good example of a small home built along simple, economical lines is the one-room house designed by Theodore Criley, Jr., A.I.A., for Miss Ethel Ingalls in Los Angeles.

Its 390 square feet of living space is gathered in a simple rectangle, while a carport and generous storage room make the house a 24-foot square.

To give the home character and avoid the cracker-box appearance of so many small homes, Architect Criley let carport and terrace roofs project from the main body of the house and balance each other. Striking color—redwood siding, cream trim, and warm apricot plaster walls in the carport—also helps make up for lack of size.

Inside, a 13x14-foot living room takes up most of the space, with kitchen and bath-dressing room opening off one end. Two studio couches, a straight chair, a wing chair, radio-phonograph, and table furnish the room—providing economy in furnishings, as well as building.

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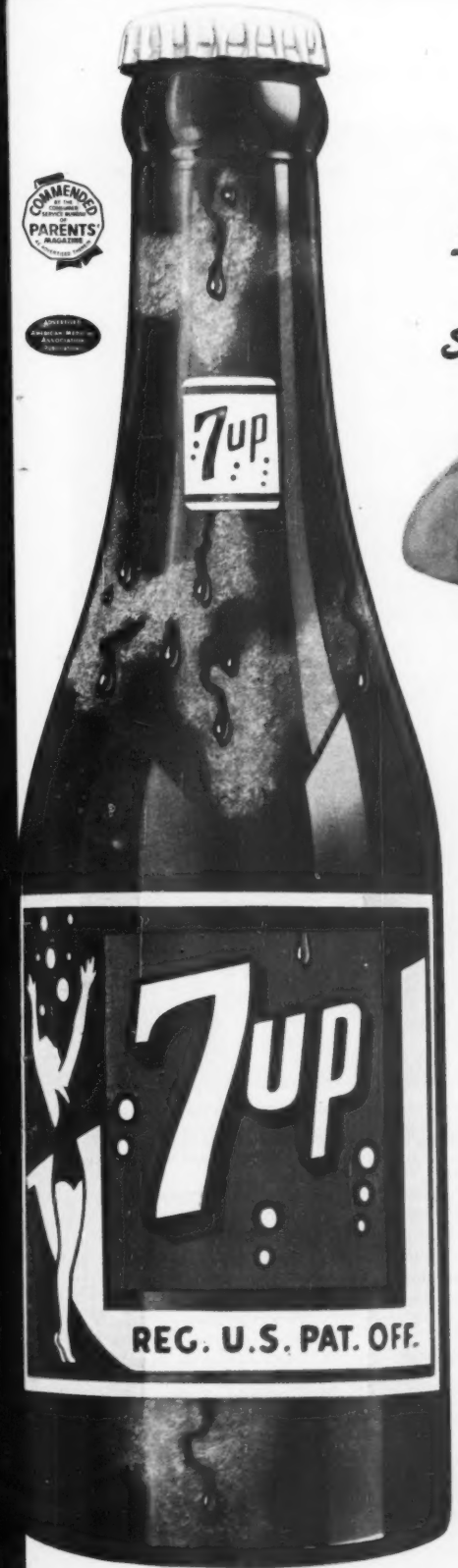
Provide an outdoor living area. A terrace gives you the least expensive living space you can get. Here a simple extension of the flat roof and a stake fence give shelter. Note pattern made by unadorned roof framing and supports. This same simple, inexpensive, but attractive construction is apparent throughout the house

Use all the glass you want. A glass wall normally costs no more than a solid wall, and glass lets you enjoy a room that otherwise would seem too small. Note how wood trim is kept as simple as possible, and how bookshelf over windows occupies space otherwise unusable



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Economy with comfort

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Make your space count. Here, walls of small kitchen are lined with cupboards. Even short hall to living room has shelves for glassware; chest below holds clothing. Note unpainted plaster ceiling, polished, dark red concrete floors

Use materials native to your area. Interior walls of this home, built in California, are paneled in redwood. Cedar, cypress, or pine could be used equally well. High sliding windows are used throughout house, except on the private side, to let air and light in and keep eyes out

Old rail fence

I'd like to be an old rail fence
To zig and zag at will
Across a field with no pretense
And over yonder hill.
With pheasants for familiar friends,
And meadow lark, and quail,
And shady corners at the bends
To cool a water pail,
And weathered top rail at a height
To lean an elbow on
As often as a fellow might
Who rises with the dawn.
I'd go where old rail fences go,
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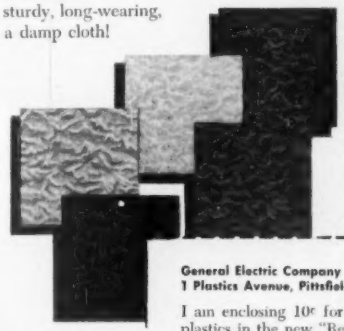

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Unfinished furniture

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If it's natural wood color you want, unfinished furniture should have handsome graining. Check before you buy. Then, with stain and lacquer, you can make the pieces ready for any room. Here's a tidy arrangement to copy for tight quarters—a corner desk flanked by handy bookshelves

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Desk chair		9.95
Drop-leaf dining table		49.75
Dining chairs	each	8.95
Upholstered armchair		49.75
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Working together

Working during naptime

Playing together

By Ronnie Welch

And if you, too, have small fry underfoot, this may help you get your work done and have more time for relaxing with them

I found a newborn baby and a 14-month-old one easy enough to take care of. I even thought a 9-month-old and a 2-year-old were a cinch. But all at once, that littler one was a toddler, and the angelic 2-year-old was 2-and-a-half. I found myself with two, under 3, underfoot. That's when I figured out my 3-shift schedule. It really works.

With my Dutch ancestors demanding I keep a clean house and the child-care experts warning me that happy children come first, I stewed and fretted. Finally, I figured out this operating plan. It will have to last until my youngest is at least 3, for until then both girls will be dependent upon me for dressing, feeding, and playtime supervision.

My basic idea has been that we could live in cleanliness and whatever charm we could achieve without too many frills, while yet satisfying the children's needs.

I divide each weekday into three periods: (1) time for work that can be done while the children are present; (2) time for work which must be done while the children are asleep or outside; (3) and time when we do nothing but play together.

The period in which I work with the children underfoot is, in a way, the most interesting. It's certainly the most rewarding, for I have found that by letting the children help me do some of these chores, housekeeping can actually help me to take care of them better.

The older sets the table for breakfast, carrying—one at a time—our place mats, silver, napkins, salt and pepper, the jam jar, and empty plates. She puts the clean ash trays around the living room after I wash them, "checks" and reports on her sister playing in another part of the house, brings in the newspaper, pulls the clean clothes out of the automatic washing machine, hands me pans for cooking, and gets almost anything on request.

A very small girl is happy "dusting" with a small, clean rag, and she'll do no damage to the furniture if you let her dust when you do. Two sets of hands to pick up everything that impedes a vacuum cleaner make a wonderful attachment.

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3-shift system

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I save gardening for the times when playing outdoors alone palls. Both children help me with the watering, and it probably hurts the chrysanthemum blossoms less to get an accidental spraying than it would the girls if they didn't have this safe outlet for their urge for waterplay.

I also use the children to run my yard errands. They hand me the trowel and spoon. They carry weeds to the weed pile. They bring sand for the bulb bed from their sandbox. Our older one is now entrusted with putting freshly dug-out plants into the flat box, spreading peatmoss, and holding the freshly cut flowers for the house. Next year, she will have a garden of her own.

Clothes-taking-down and hanging-up can be another fine outdoor time for both you and the children when they need company and the weather is fine. Or, in winter, if their health is good, bundle them up and let them be in the basement or garage with you.

Participation in adult activity seems to be important to children. Letting the children help me with these chores actually helps me guide their growing up.

I have also found the time when this type of work is done can be a teaching time. Our first child learned her colors from the pattern on the kitchen linoleum, and I suppose the second one will too. While we worked, our first child learned to count, learned the months of the year, and learned nursery rhymes. You can't tell me it doesn't help housework to sing your way through it, even if you descend to "Three Blind Mice."

And if the children have something to keep their hands busy and you have something to talk to them pleasantly about, spilled water and dropped pans won't seem so annoying w.en they happen.

I always keep a few kitchen jobs on hand to do while the children eat. The younger one spills, but manages to feed herself. The older one dawdles. I felt I had to be present for refills, to rescue tipped-over cups, and scrape out "last bites." To curb my tongue and hands that would mop every spill, I dry and put away the dishes (saved in a drainer from an earlier washing), clean vegetables, make dessert, or sprinkle the clothes for ironing. A corner-of-the-eye glance keeps me informed, and I don't shout, "drink that milk . . . eat those peas" quite so often.

Then there are the household jobs, such as ironing, that must be done while the children aren't around. Floor-waxing is another chore almost impossible while small feet are present. Window-washing is another.

While naptime is the most obvious time for this work, we have three other means, besides bed, of keeping young children enclosed and safe during this worktime.

The first was devised by a neighbor who takes my children two hours a week in exchange for my taking her two for an equal period. This method should work in any neighborhood in which there are children of similar ages and mothers who need time to themselves.

The second idea is a fenced-in back yard with a sandbox. Since the entire back yard is visible from three rooms in the house, this is a great mother-sparer.

Our third device is a folding gate which stretches across the door of the children's room. Other mothers I know have successfully fenced in a portion of their kitchens or utility rooms.

Successful as the closed gate and

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Make yours a livable terrace

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Morley Baer

Gain usable space with a new seat-wall

The tiniest outdoor space will expand in usefulness if you adopt this idea and make seats out of edgings to flower beds. And by using wood, as here, the idea is one any weekend carpenter can make his own.

But whether you use new planks or some you've salvaged, go in heavily for a good wood preservative. Once really rotproofed, your seat-wall can be expected to last as long as you like the idea.

Seal down all possible splinters with paint or spar varnish because, from toddlers up, all members of the family will find it convenient as seat or table. Two 8-inch planks with a capping made of two 2x6s (built up) give you a seat-wall of the proportions pictured.

Rhubarb won front position in the raised bed here both because its bold leaves were wanted and because the gardener-cook knows she can keep it in bounds as she uses it.

A good tight corner, stoutly braced, is the main objective. Use a 4x4 or two 2x4s spiked together. Let this extend 18 inches below ground level if you do not run a solid terrace floor as a footing along under the front edge of the seat-wall

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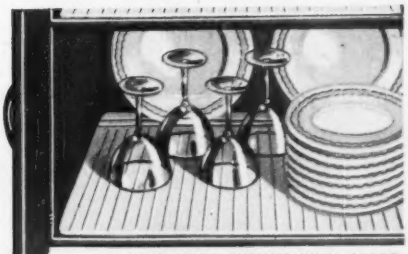

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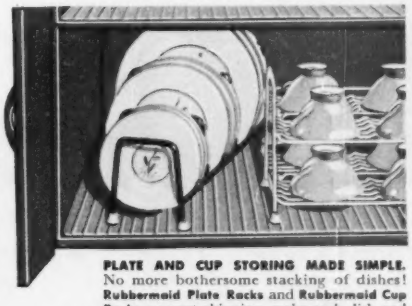

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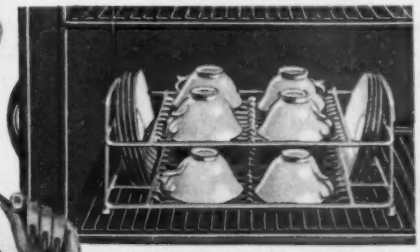

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Morley Baer

Provide a simple, effective wind screen

Here's one of the best-looking windbreaks you'll find for a rambling hillside where informality is the keynote. Made for Mrs. Edmund Dexter, Carmel Valley, California, it stands like a giant folding screen. Uprights are set in concrete footings, but angles of the screen make other bracing unnecessary. A dark brown, preservative stain helps screen blend into the landscape.

To go with it, there's flooring of rough wooden blocks, also pleasantly informal and easy for inexperienced hands to lay.

Note that thin wooden curb to flower bed has been scored at 1-inch intervals, so it curves without splitting. Blocks and curb were also treated with a preservative so that the terrace can be enjoyed year after year without thought of replacement or need of paint from time to time.

Guide rails are nailed to 2x4 uprights, and pickets are dropped in so that each wing of the screen is filled in from the bottom up. Measure width of pickets carefully before you start. If any taper is found, reverse every other picket, to keep the lines level

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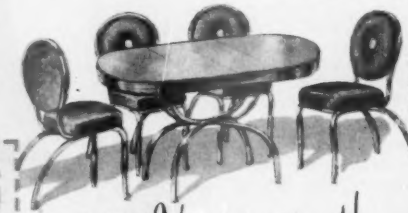

At left, the "*Potomac*" table in gleaming Silver Grey, mix-matched with No. 700 chairs in Plantation Green. (All tables and chairs available in the 4 colors shown plus Horizon Blue.)

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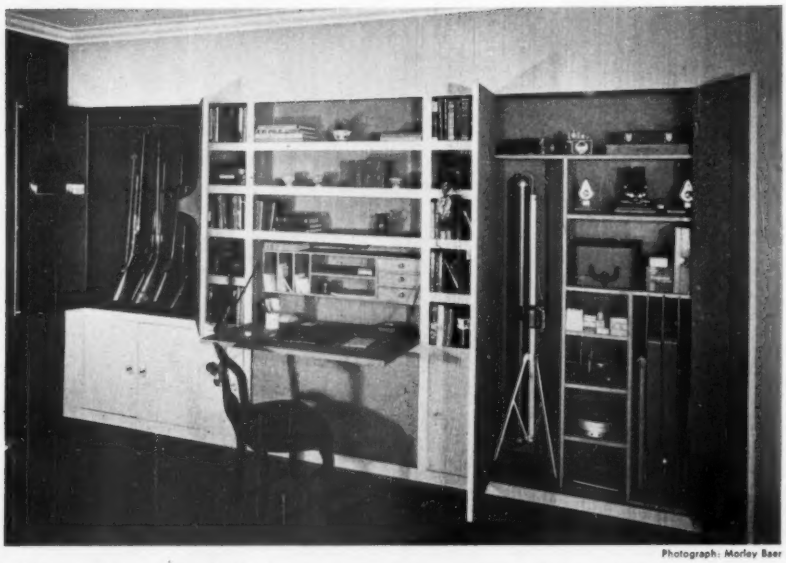

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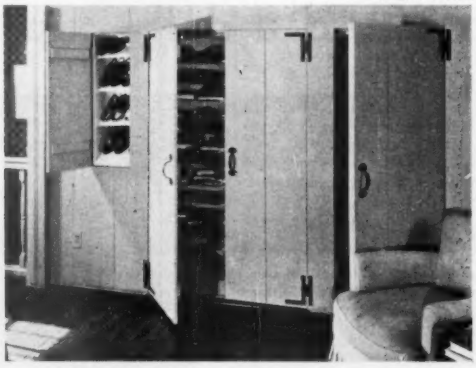
Built-in desk and shelves are included in this storage wall which has been specially designed and compartmented for guns, camera and movie equipment, and card tables. A radio amplifier is located beneath drop-down desk

When you build your new storage wall

It pays to see what other people have done when you're planning a storage wall tailored to fit your needs. Here's a collection of good storage cabinets, any one of which may give you an idea you can work into your own home. If you have a pretty good idea of how the inside of your closet will be laid out, you'll want the outside to be good looking, too. Notice how the exteriors of these storage units harmonize with the type of home into which they have been built.

William F. Howland

This storage closet is located close to an outside door and has one large section for bulky equipment like screens and door mats. Other half has small shelves for cleaning supplies



L- and H-hinges and plain-board exterior of this closet are in keeping with Early American house. Shoe compartment is at eye level, dust-free. Shallow shelves in middle section hold shirts, sweaters, handbags. Section at right is lined with cedar for storage of out-of-season clothes

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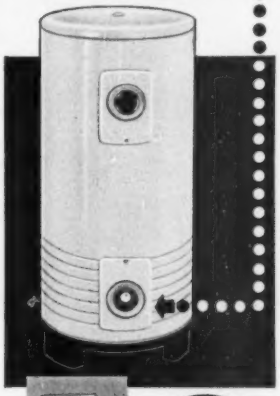

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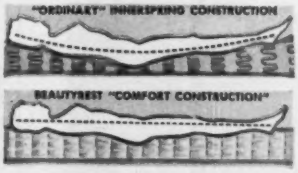

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When you build your new storage wall

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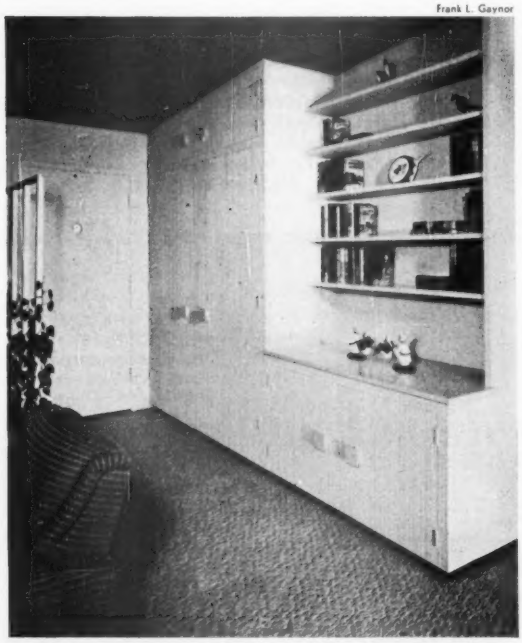

Textured plywood was used for the exterior of this guest closet and storage cabinet that divides living and dining areas of a modern home. The counter area provides a convenient landing place for hats and gloves. Cabinet holds games, all small accessories used in living room

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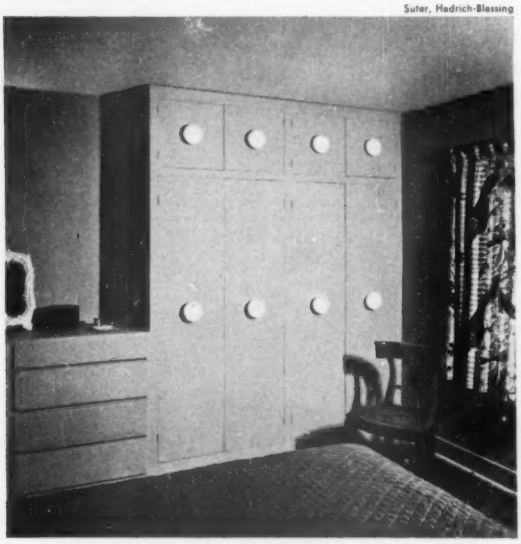

A ceiling-high wardrobe takes little floor space, adds much storage. You can give distinction to plain plywood by using decorative door pulls. This closet was painted turquoise to match the walls and given overscaled white knobs. Brass knobs, centered as these, also add style

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Sunbeam Coffeemaster is also available with this matched Service Set, consisting of lovely creamer, sugar and tray.

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Though the unit contains a table, two benches, shelves, and cupboards, you could fit it in a few inches of space. You can use the table as extra work space—and leave the benches up out of the way. And you can open the table and benches without disturbing the shelves. See how it works.

By Louise Price Bell

Closed. Table and benches fold flush against the wall—and out of your way—when you don't need them. Notice that legs fold up, too. Open shelf at top gives a chance to display colorful china on the wall. Cupboards spell extra kitchen shelf space.

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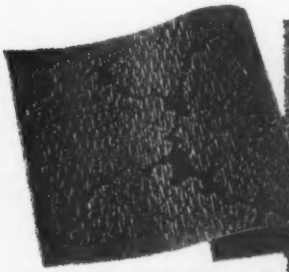

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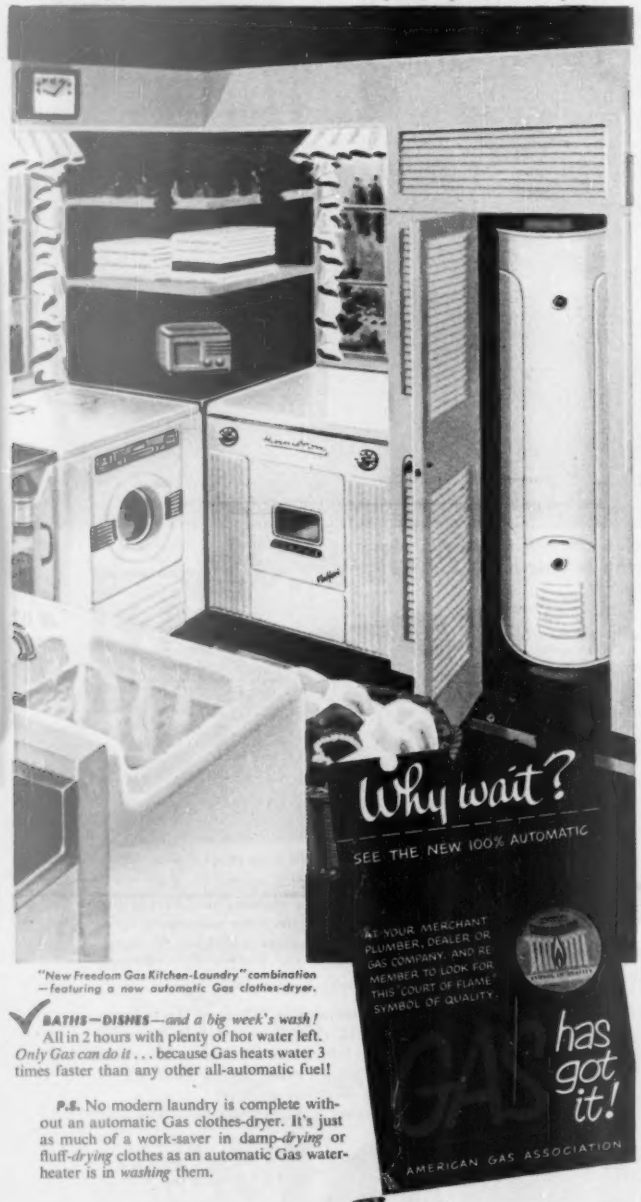

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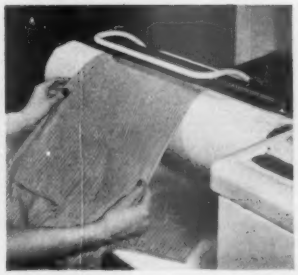
Tips for easier ironing *Begins on page 68*

Timesaving

Ruffles go fast with an ironer. Just follow your ironer instruction book. When using ironer like one in picture, you insert ruffle on a slant over the end of the shoe; let ruffle run off in a natural way, ironing small section at a time. Point of shoe irons right up into the gathers.

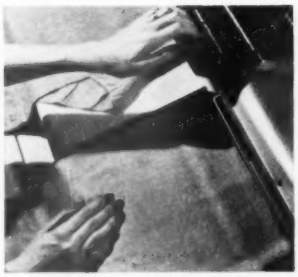
Dresses iron in a jiffy when you use ironer. Skirts whisk through double-quick. Follow ironer instruction book for order and method of ironing. Puffed sleeves look impossible? Fold sleeve double, with crease around middle and armhole lined up with band. More you use ironer, the more jobs you'll tackle.

Make the most of your ironing surface. Here we're doing two big napkins at a time. Or you can iron several smaller pieces in a row. Iron all you can in one stroke. To do the napkins, as in photograph, iron part shown on board. Then fold unironed half over ironed half and lower shoe again. Fold.



Trousers from ironer look tailor-pressed. Here we're ironing two legs together for finish-up. We ironed each leg separately first, placing inner and outer seams together. The top? That will depend on your ironer. Here, we slipped top over end of roll and ironed wrong side out, then right side out, before doing the legs.

tricks with ironers



Folding for double job. You can do two pairs of shorts at once if you fold them this way. Put one leg inside the other, the crotch seams together. Smooth and iron flat; turn and iron other side. When you sprinkle the clothes, put all the "likes" together—this will speed up your ironing.

Iron his shirt in a third your usual time. Follow ironer instructions. After you do yoke and sleeves, you can iron body of shirt quickly. Ironer shown in photograph performs this step best with shirt in position shown. Another rotary ironer starts shirt from the tail and irons right up the back.

Stack handkerchiefs for speed. Lower and lift shoe. Then fold unironed part over ironed half, and lower shoe again. Lift hankies from top and repeat performance with next two. You can get extra use from ironing board by doing shirt cuffs at same time. Trick is to fill entire ironing surface. This saves you time and motions.

Fold flatwork ready to put away as you iron, whether you use ironer or hand iron. Fold sheets crosswise with both hems together, then crosswise again. Sheets can be ironed in from four to eight thicknesses. Iron both sides. Fold to storing size wanted and press flat; if you wish, you can fold accordion-fashion.

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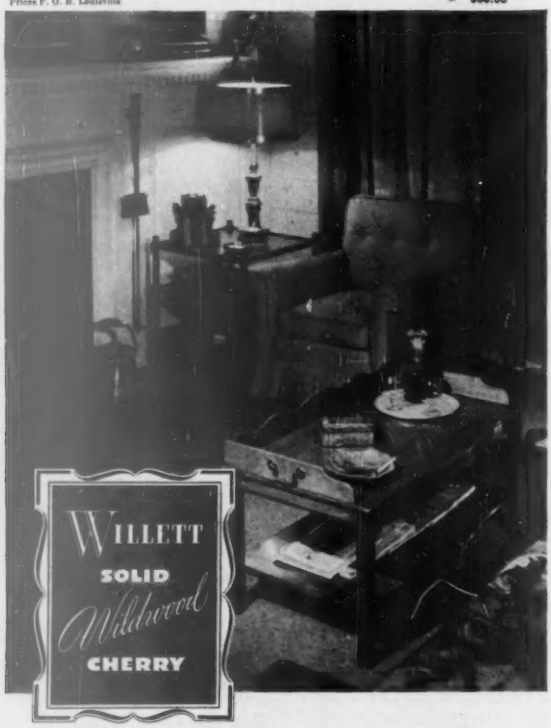

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Adjustable ironing table lets you iron without stooping. This one may be raised to 35 inches from the floor or lowered until only 26 inches high. You open snap catch on back of table, then lift table top, and place adjustment bar in the notch at desired height. Generous 15x54-inch top cuts times you need to move garments.

Ironing-board pad shown here has a silver finish that is heat-reflecting and steam-proof. It snaps in place. Or you may have a pad backed with adhesive which anchors it to the board. Some covers are burnproof and can be cleaned on the board with soapsuds. One cover comes in kitchen colors—yellow, blue, or beige—or white.

Wide board gives 24x54-inch ironing area. Research has found this size speeds many ironing jobs amazingly. Four blocks on underside hold it to your ironing board. Make a pad with double-faced cotton flannel or a cotton blanket. Make cover from unbleached sheeting.

Plastic bag makes short work of dampening. Place a layer of clothes loosely in the bag, then dribble one cup of water over them. Add another layer of clothes, a cup of water. Repeat unt'l bag is full; shake. Let stand a couple of hours before ironing.

Curtain stretcher dries sheer curtains and lace tablecloths in proper shape, to cut ironing. Take exact measurements of curtains before washing, so you can set stretcher accurately. Your freshly washed curtains will look crisp as new.

easier ironing

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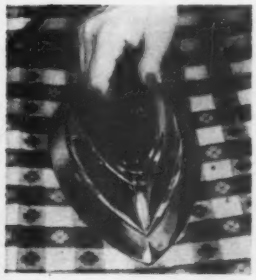
Plastic spray bottle may be your choice of an aid to faster sprinkling. It has flexible sides you squeeze. Water comes out in a fine mist that helps you moisten clothes evenly for easier, smoother ironing. Use warm water for quicker penetration through the clothes. Then fold for fewest wrinkles and roll the garments loosely.

Sleeveboard helps you iron crease-free sleeves in a jiffy. Keep sleeveboard within reach for ironing undies, baby dresses, and ruffled trims. Some sleeveboards collapse for handy storage. Some have both a wide and a narrow side. You'll be amazed how much easier a fancy blouse is to iron if you have a sleeveboard.

Spot dampener is bottle with specially treated, fabric-covered top that permits just enough water through it to moisten dried out spots or erase stubborn wrinkles. This is a good trick for those finishing touches. You'll use it for your pressing jobs, too.



Strokesaving iron has extra-large, teardrop-shaped soleplate that gives more ironing surface. And its wide, sloping beveled edge glides easily under buttons, into pleats and ruffles. Iron weighs only 3¼ pounds.

Hot-iron holder is a fireproof bracket that may be fastened to the wall out of the reach of children. Fiberglas insulation protects wall from heat of iron. Cord winds around the hooks provided on holder.

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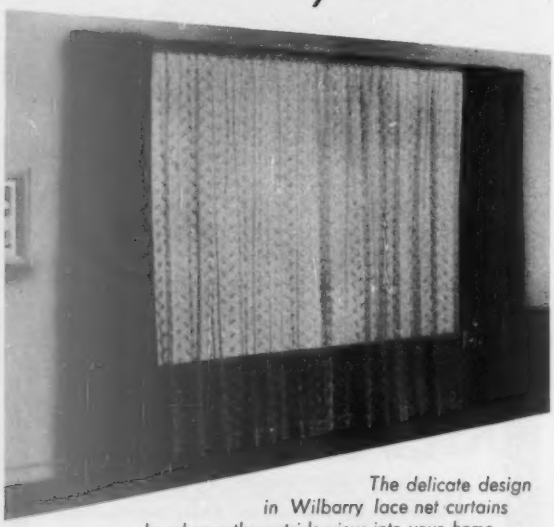

The delicate design in Wilbarry lace net curtains breaks up the outside view into your home . . . yet Wilbarry curtains are so sheer, they don't obstruct the air and sunlight or your glance to the yard to check on Junior.

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Tips for easier ironing

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Guide iron in long, even strokes, and don't go over the same area twice. When ironing a shirt sleeve, slide iron from side seam up across shoulder seam; then switch iron to left hand; iron down sleeve into gathers at cuff.

Move garment as little as possible. For instance, you can iron a shirt and move it only three times before folding. See "How to iron a shirt in 4½ minutes" in July, 1948, *Better Homes & Gardens*. Each ironing step is pictured.

Cushion your feet on a rubber floor pad if you stand up to iron, and wear comfortable, low shoes. Tired, aching feet make you hate ironing more than anything, as you well know.

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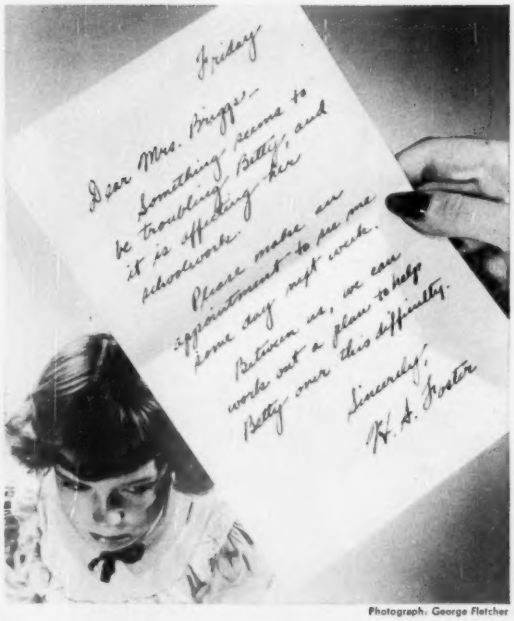
When you should talk to the teacher

By Barbara Gunn



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She won't send for you unless there's something wrong. But you can often keep things from *going* wrong by going to see her

"Betty's mother had to see the teacher!" Poor Betty. She wonders what she's done wrong. Her mother's visit must mean that she's in trouble. *Why else* would her mother come to see the teacher?

Betty knows parents seldom come to see a teacher voluntarily. Usually they are sent for because their boy or girl is having trouble at school. And Betty is right. Parents may make a point of talking to the kindergarten or first-grade teacher, but after that, they seem to be afraid of interfering. Maybe you're one who comes to special programs and P.T.A. meetings but still shies away from a visit which might concern your child more directly.

Yet chances are, outside your own family, no one else is quite so interested in him as is his teacher. Probably no one else takes as much pride in his progress or feels more responsible for his mistakes. Certainly few people spend more time or have more influence with him. She becomes an automatic partner, for a year at least, in his training. For better or worse, you and she are working together. You probably have the same basic goal in mind, too. A good teacher doesn't want a child to just make high grades: She wants him to be a well-adjusted person and later, a good citizen. That's what you want, too.

Yet, if you're like most parents I've known, you doubt if some of the things which go on at school are really for Betty's or Johnny's best interests. You're concerned and probably talk about it with several people, but *not* the teacher. You're afraid of appearing overanxious or of being classified as a doting mother or of embarrassing your youngster. And you know the teacher is overworked already.

Actually, there are times when a visit from you may *save* her time and pay big dividends for Johnny or Betty. It may insure you against ever being called to school because they're in trouble. If you work *with* the teacher, you may be able to anticipate the trouble.

Especially should you talk over the following:

Any physical defect or weakness your child may have which might require consideration and understanding. Some children will continue to sit in a back seat, unable to see the blackboard, rather than ask to be moved. Others will play ball against the advice of a doctor, rather than be called a sissy. Even such a seemingly unimportant thing as an earlier change from left- to right-handedness may be important, since it is quite common for children who are neither decidedly right- nor left-handed to transpose [*Turn to page 140*

Three is Company... Four's a Nuisance

The moonlight... the whisper of the sea... the fire's after-glow... and the new man in your life, yours for the evening! Could there be any more romantic set-up? Yet Lily had been having a rough time of it from the start. Everybody ... Bill in particular... seemed to be politely trying to avoid her. It was a case of three being company and four a nuisance—and she was the nuisance! The reason* for this neglect she would be the last to suspect. It can happen to any girl—even you—but quick! And without your knowing why.

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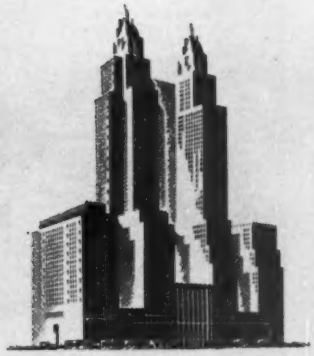

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When you should talk to the teacher

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letters in reading or spelling. A good teacher will eventually discover this, but you can make it easier for her and for Johnny by letting her know what to expect.

An emotional disturbance which could affect his school behavior. Sometimes tragedy strikes with an impact adults don't understand—an auto runs over his dog, a playmate moves across town, a baby sister takes over his place in the spotlight. Johnny suddenly becomes belligerent at school, refuses to do his work. If his teacher knows why, she may be able to help him.

A social or behavior trait which worries you. You and the teacher may not reach a solution, but you can *agree* on a method of approach and treatment. Otherwise you may try opposing techniques and only confuse an already troubled child. If Johnny is shy, you won't want to force him into social situations when his teacher has decided he needs only to be left alone. On the other hand, if you've undertaken a courtesy campaign at home, you will want her to emphasize good manners at school. If it's a more serious problem, you may want to take it to the principal. I know of one recreation center which was established largely because parents pointed out to school authorities that their children had no place to play after school.

A nickname or even a given name about which he is sensitive. This may become important to the 10- to 15-year-old. A teacher knows this and will gladly substitute "Bert" for "Herbert" and "Bud" for "Oscar" if it will prevent a classroom titter when she calls the roll. Calling a child by the name he prefers is one of the little things we can do which mean so much at that age. One mother caused her teenage son much embarrassment when she called him "Jackie" in front of his classmates. Pet names must grow up along with a boy or girl.

A special talent which might be useful in group projects. Many a teacher has discovered late in the school year that a dull boy was a whiz at model-building or that a misfit girl blossomed in her authentic Scandinavian costume. Particularly if your child is shy or feels left out, the prestige of doing something for the class is invaluable. Too shy to volunteer, he is happy to participate when asked. Don't worry about his teacher revealing that *you* told her how good he was.

A poor report card. Never, never scold a child for poor marks before you have seen his teacher. If Mary, who is in third grade, comes home with six A's and Johnny, in the fourth, with none, it doesn't necessarily mean that Mary is smarter, or even studying harder. Mary's teacher may believe high grades encourage effort or she may give A's for improvement. Johnny's teacher, on the other hand, may believe an A should be saved for very special achievement, and that B's are high grades. Johnny may be doing even better work than Mary—you can't always judge by his report card. Examine his work. Compare it with last year's—with his classmates' if you wish. Don't forget that attitudes are an important part of education, too. Have his work habits improved? Is he more interested in school this year? Does he like to read? The answers his teacher can give you to such questions will be a much better gauge of his progress than any report card.

Extra help with Johnny's homework. If he needs help, his teacher will be glad to show you where his weak spots are and the method to use in helping him. Otherwise you may

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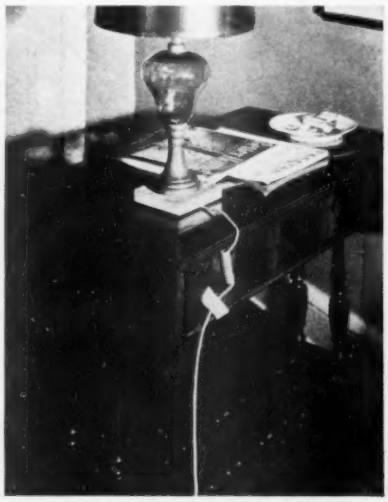
Look to your lamp cords

Trailing cords are always untidy—may be dangerous. Try these cures for cords that dangle, trip you up

PROBLEM: Too-long lamp cord trails over the side of a table, looks untidy. And this is just the kind of cord you'll trip over someday. Do you have one like it in your home?



SOLUTION: Shorten the cord by coiling its extra length around a pencil. Cord should curl tightly, hold its curl. Then remove the pencil and tape coil to the back of the table. (Table is pulled out from wall to show how.) Masking tape from hardware store won't harm the finish of table

PROBLEM: Dangling cord spoils the trim good looks of your secretary, gets in your way when you dust. Yet you need a lamp on a secretary that's used daily, kept open

SOLUTION: Drill a hole in the back of one of the cubbyholes so you can run the lamp cord through the secretary. Be sure the hole is big enough for the plug. (You won't see the back of the secretary, anyway. A hole can't hurt.) Borrow this same trick when you put radio in a bookcase

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If French doors stand at either side of a window, dare to curtain both doors and window with the same fabric—though you vary curtain styles. You'll help yourself to a smooth window wall. Viola Bogue, decorator

What to do about window worries

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By Mary O'Day

The window that's a problem today may be your pride and joy tomorrow. Clever curtaining makes that much difference. These pictures show how

If you have different kinds of windows in one room, why not curtain them differently? Here, patterned draperies call attention to the bay window; the sash window at left stays in the background, for its curtains are the wall color. Lubliner and Himmel, decorators

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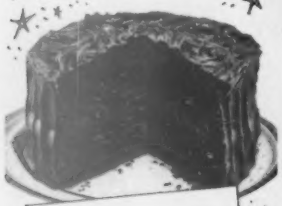

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What to do about window worries

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Hahn

If your room has recessed windows, frame them with colorful draperies hung on the wall at either side. (Consider traversing draperies for coziness at night.) Choose the recess itself as a show place for your fine china and glassware

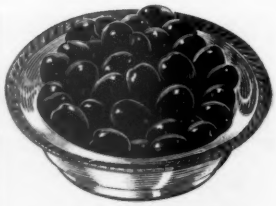
Parker

If there's an important-looking cornice over your windows, keep your curtains simple. That way they won't compete with the architecture of the window. But be sure that your curtains are as well-tailored as these, so they'll have style

Direct proportion

Ever had eight of 'em under
your feet?
Demanding, persuading, and
loving to eat?
Wanting to help, not all big
enough
So busy, so lively—but just
the right stuff!
Don't say to me now, "Oh,
Heaven forbid!"
You've missed a whole lot, if
you never did.
But with eight little angels
I'm telling you now
There's eight times the
loving and caring
Somehow.

—*Elsie Spinney*



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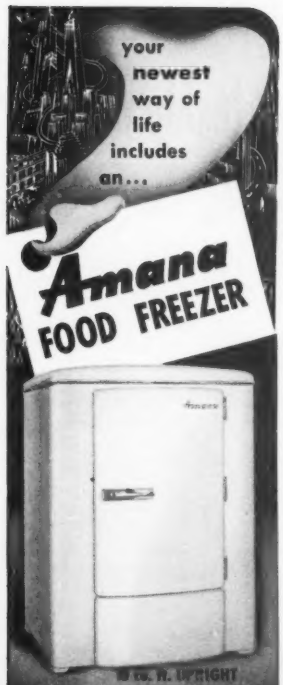

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Like coffee? Then you'll like . . .

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Soluble coffee is a good short cut for coffee recipes. If the recipe calls for strong coffee, dissolve double the usual amount soluble coffee in hot water. You may use caffeine-free instant coffee in any of the recipes.

Chocolate-Coffee Frosting

Favorite flavors, chocolate and coffee, in a creamy frosting—

- ¼ cup butter or fortified margarine
- 1 1-ounce square unsweetened chocolate, melted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
- 3 tablespoons strong coffee

Cream butter or margarine. Add melted chocolate and vanilla and blend. Gradually add sugar alternately with coffee; beat smooth. Frosts an 8-inch square cake or cupcakes.

Coffee Bavarian

Airy and cool; the flavor of iced coffee with sugar and cream—

- 1 tablespoon (1 envelope) unflavored gelatine
- ¼ cup cold coffee
- 2 slightly beaten egg yolks
- ⅓ cup sugar
- ⅛ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup hot, strong coffee
- 2 stiff-beaten egg whites
- 1 cup heavy cream, whipped
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Soften gelatine in cold coffee. Combine egg yolks, sugar, and salt in double boiler; blend. Gradually stir in hot coffee. Add gelatine mixture; stir until dissolved. Cook over hot water until mixture coats a spoon, about 5 to 7 minutes.

Coffee Ice Cream

It starts with a package of chocolate pudding—

- 1 package chocolate pudding
- 1½ cups milk
- ½ cup double-strength coffee
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 cup cream, whipped

Prepare chocolate pudding as directed on package, using 1½ cups milk and ½ cup double-strength coffee. Remove from heat. Add sugar. Stir until dissolved. Cool, stirring occasionally. Fold in whipped cream. Pour into refrigerator tray. Freeze partially, whip, then freeze firm, about 3 to 4 hours. Makes 1½ pints.

Mocha Sodas

For dessert or cooling snack—

- 1½ pints Coffee Ice Cream
- 1 quart ginger ale

Divide Coffee Ice Cream into 6 to 8 tall glasses. Slowly fill with pale dry ginger ale. Serve at once. Serves 6 to 8.

Let 'em eat bread

On Thursday afternoon I bake
A pie; on Friday, chocolate cake;
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—*Alice Peirce*

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One material, inside and out

Open plan gives a feeling of space

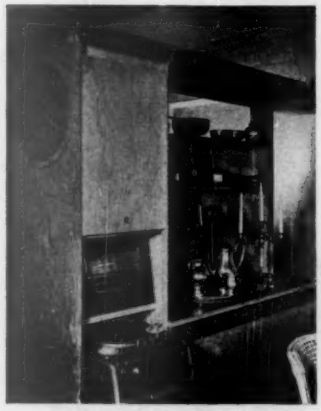
Architect Francis used a number of devices in dividing his home according to the uses to which sections of it would be put, without making it seem small or chopped up.

The most important was broad areas of plywood, which, as wall surfaces, are broken only enough to avoid monotony, giving a feeling of space.

Another device is the use of built-ins. From the outside den wall to the far kitchen wall, the house really is one big room, broken only by built-ins and a low brick wall which is a continuation of the fireplace. The built-ins—planned to meet a minimum budget that included furnishings—are constructed of the same plywood that forms the walls.

The living room has an eight-foot [*Turn to page 150*

Like cabinet shown below, dining table and the pass-through to kitchen are finished like walls, to avoid making room seem cluttered. Pass-through doubles as breakfast bar, can be closed off by double-hinged doors. China shelves above are open to both kitchen and dining sides



Cabinet screens dining area from entrance and houses a wire recorder, which is out of sight when sliding panel is dropped. Circle at upper left is loud-speaker. Cap piece which connects cabinet to the side wall contains tubes for indirect lighting

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Low brick partition—a continuation of the brick chimney (left)—divides the living area from Architect Francis' home work corner. Large windows, the open arrangement that lets you see from den to far kitchen wall (background), make house seem uncrowded

On the living-room side, top of low brick wall forms an end table for a sofa; the niche formed by omitting a few bricks makes a magazine rack. The wall serves as well as a conversational pass-through

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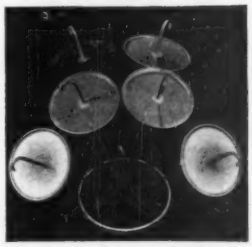

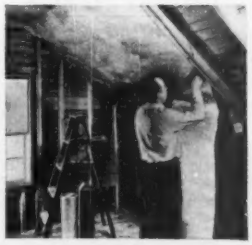

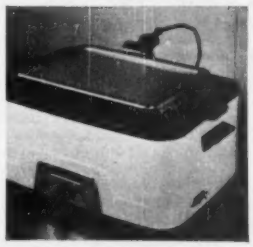

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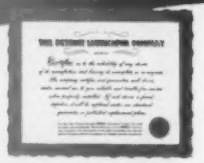

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sofa, upholstered in golden yellow, with a built-in bookshelf for a side arm. The bookshelf balances a 15-foot bookshelf-table under a window on the opposite side of the room, which has a radio loud-speaker built into it.

The built-in cabinet which screens the entry consists of a storage-case base, sideboard, and a radio-phonograph-wire recorder facing the dining area. There also are open shelves on the dining side for dishes and silver.

The den has a built-in desk, bookshelves, cases, and music rack. In the kitchen all cabinetwork is built in, including a roomy breakfast bar.

With the partial brick wall that separates the den from the living room, the built-ins provide privacy without destroying the home's feeling of openness.

To keep unrelieved plywood walls of piano corner from forming a dark pocket, narrow skylight was put in den ceiling. At night, adjustable lamp furnishes focused light; indirect trough over bookshelves provides general illumination

Built-in music rack is at right end of the bookshelves you see on left wall in picture above. Adjustable lamp (top right) can be aimed at music rack or keyboard

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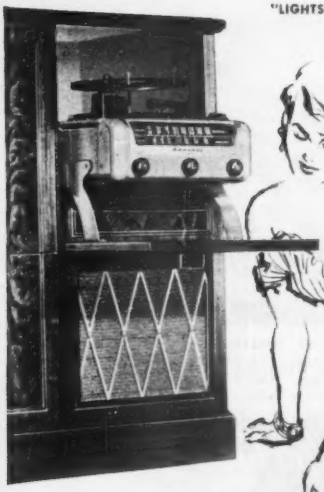

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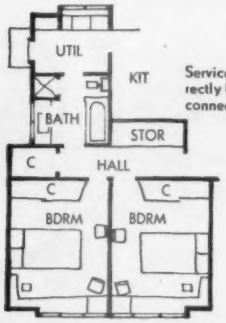
Bedrooms of the Francis house are identical. Both have low built-in units under windows, finished to blend with plywood walls. Units have dressing table and mirror, drawers for clothes, and a desk. Clothes-hanging space is behind the camera



Service section of house lies directly behind the bedrooms, and is connected to them by bathroom

Burlap stretched over framework forms sliding doors for wardrobes. Burlap offers a simple answer to the problem of ventilating wardrobes. Note mirror under lighting cove at right

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Bedroom-utility wing has privacy, storage space, and plenty of light

Architect Francis solved three problems in designing the bedroom-utility end of his home: the need for privacy, for diversified storage space, and for adequate light and ventilation in all rooms.

Storage walls, using the same plywood that covers the rest of the house, answered parts of the privacy and storage questions. To supplement the storage walls, Architect Francis designed built-ins for the bathroom and bedroom, and a large cabinet for washing and cleaning supplies in the utility room.

A high window gives the bathroom privacy, ventilation, and light, supplemented by a spotlight in the ceiling above the shower stall. In the hall joining the living area to the bedroom-utility end, a skylight makes it easy to find articles stored in the wall of cabinets.

In the bedrooms, large windows make the desk-dressing table built-in serviceable. There, as in the rest of the house, bamboo blinds screen the windows.

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Space in this storage wall in the bedroom hall is divided into large sections for linens, luggage, and out-of-season clothes. Skylight in the ceiling makes the hall light and sunny, though it's an inside room

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One material, inside and out

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Transom windows and mirror over lavatory make bathroom seem larger than it is. Counter-type lavatory has storage below. Service porch adjoins bathroom, so soiled towels are only a step from washing machine

Large double window and the same wood paneling that's used throughout the house make service porch attractive. Cabinets at left contain washing supplies. Porch fits between kitchen and service door off the bath

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One material, inside

Brick-floored terrace outside the living room is partially covered by a high roof that is an extension of the living-room ceiling. The house is placed at a slight angle to the street to insure privacy from neighbors

Since photograph at the top of the page was made, the Francises have added this table and cantilevered bench. Overhang and glass wind shields make table and the rest of this outdoor living area usable all year

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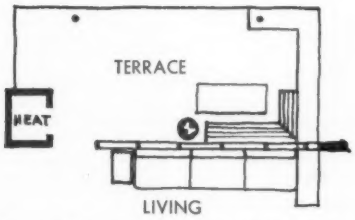
The outdoors is part of the house



Terrace forms an outdoor extension of the living room and doubles living space the Francises have available

To make their home larger—both in appearance and in use—the Francises made their garden a part of their house. Here's how they did it:

Large glass areas make the limits of the living area not the frame that holds the windows in place, but the woven slat fence that screens their grounds.

A low brick wall that starts from the chimney extends across the living room and outside, to make the boundary of a bricked terrace.

To insure privacy in this outdoor room, Architect Francis set his home at an angle to the street.

The terrace is protected by a roof overhang that also keeps glare from the windows.

The roof, incidentally, is almost flat, but slopes from both front and rear toward the center of the house, like a V. Water drains down the trough between slopes, eliminating the need for gutters at the eaves.

That technique, the concrete slab on which the house was built, the extensive use of plywood, the many built-ins, combined to reduce the cost of the Francis home.

Brick wall between living area and den extends through exterior wall to form a low windbreak around the outdoor terrace. Note that some windows don't drop to floor, leaving enough room below sills for furniture

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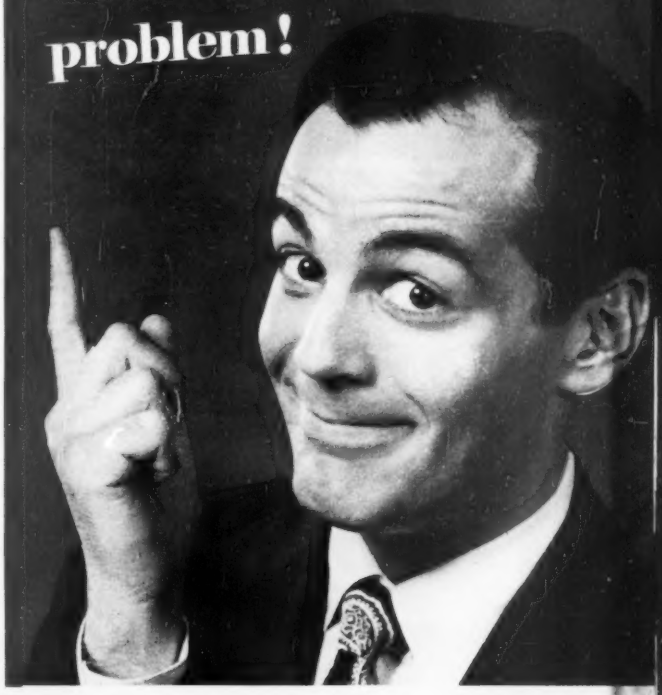

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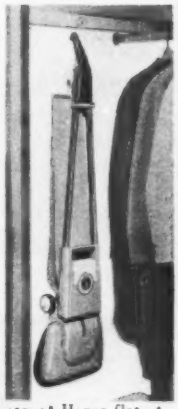

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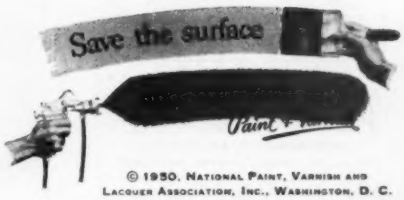

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LEFT With the base turned and the top in place, your coffee table becomes a game table 27 inches high. That's just the right height for playing cards comfortably. And hinges assure you the top won't tip if you lean on it.

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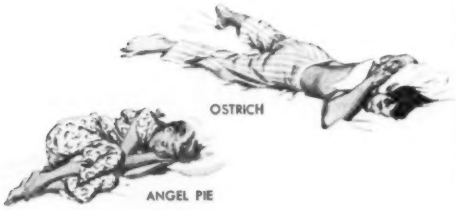

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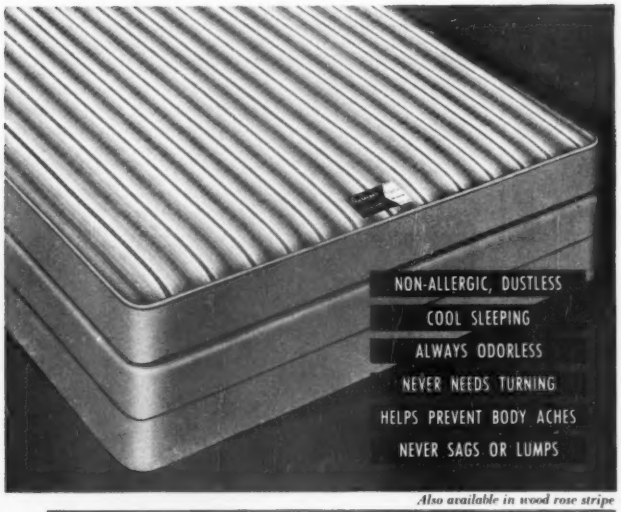

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Unlike its relative, the scroll saw, the band saw can't make an internal cutout in a board or panel without an entering cut. But it will cut much heavier material, and do it faster and more smoothly.

The band saw will make straight cuts as well as curves, and the length of the cut it will make is limited only by the size of your shop. Width of material is limited by the distance from blade to side arm—10, 12, or 14 inches in most home band saws. This side distance is also the diameter of wheels over which saw blade is stretched.

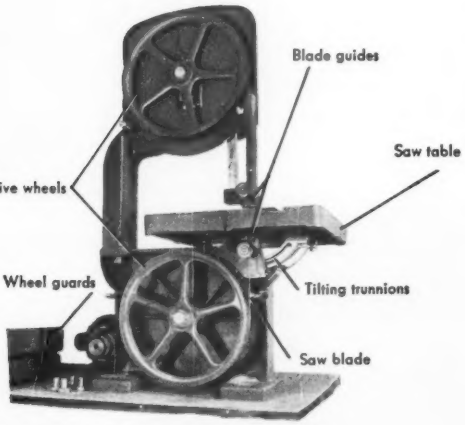
In action, the wheels of the band saw propel the saw blade, belt-on-pulley fashion, so that its downward-pointed teeth travel continuously downward through a hole in the saw-table insert. Cutting action is smooth and free of vibration. The narrower the blade, the sharper the curve it will cut. The finer the teeth, the smoother it cuts.

Heavier, coarser-toothed blades are used for sawing thick material, and for rapid cutting in any thickness. Cut sheet metals or heavier metal stock with special blades.

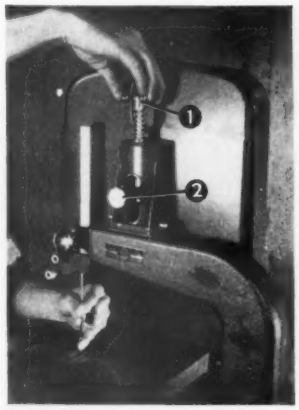
All moving parts of the saw—blade and wheels—are enclosed in metal housings, leaving only 6 or 8 inches of blade exposed for cutting. Price of a band saw ranges from less than $50 on up toward $100, less motor.

Long curves in heavy stock can be cut most easily and quickly on a band saw. A 12-inch saw will slice rapidly through a block 6¼ inches thick. A piece much longer than the one shown would call for the help of an assistant, or of a roller support placed at the far side of saw table

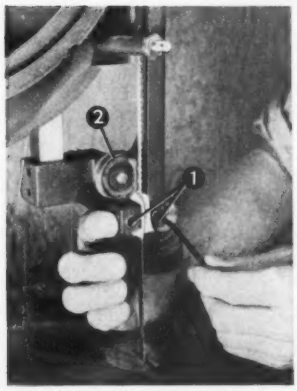
can do for you



Lower wheel is connected with motor, drives blade. Table tilts, locks with hand knob, must be set accurately for right-angle cuts. Loosen blade guides, use square to set table at right angle with blade, and set tilt gauge at zero



Blade adjustments are made with upper wheel. Turn knob (1) until blade is taut but will spring a bit between thumb and finger. With saw running, adjust wheel tilt (2) until blade travels on center of wheel tires. To install blade, remove guards and crank top wheel down. Feed the blade through table, teeth pointing down, and stretch over wheels. Then adjust blade tension and guides



Set blade guides (1) as shown. Lock upper and lower sets; then remove scraps of paper used as spacers. Allow about 1/64-inch space between back of blade and support wheel (2), against which the blade runs under pressure of the cut

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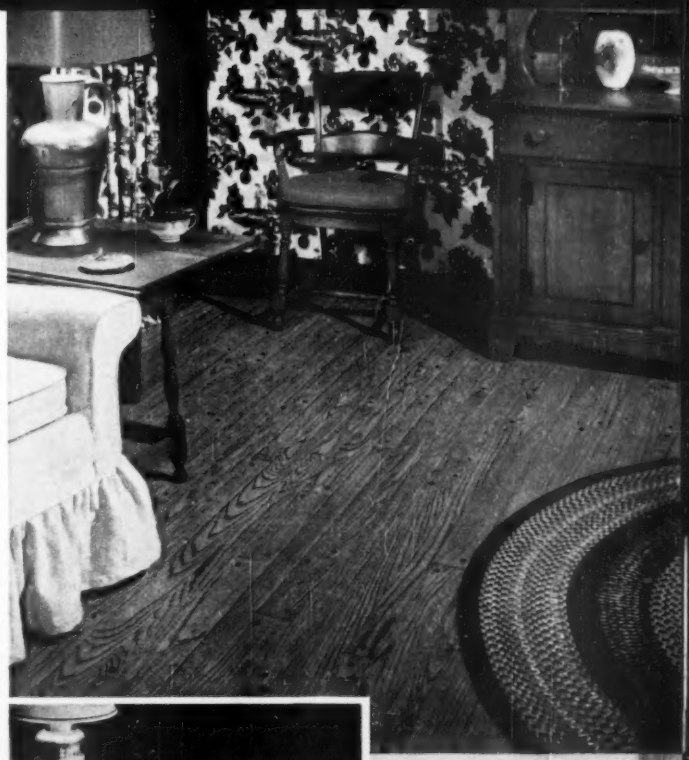

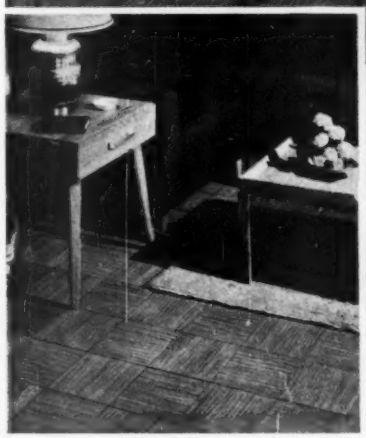

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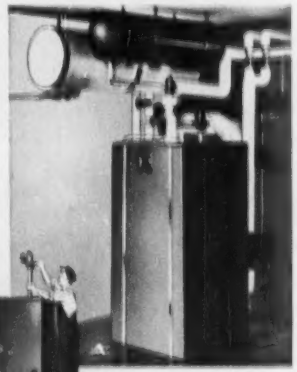

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What a band saw can do

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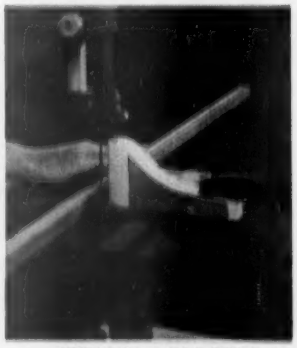
Entering cut (1) is necessary in making an internal cutout with the endless band saw blade. In making involved cut, plan ahead, visualizing each twist and turn. With a large piece of wood, make sure a cut doesn't bring stock against side arm (2) where cutting is impossible

Compound curves are possible on a band saw—this will be model boat hull. Working from a square piece, cut flat curves and tack waste back on. Then turn stock sideways and cut second curve in the block

Beveled curves are easy to cut with the table tilted to any angle up to 45 degrees. Some tables will tilt a few degrees to the left, for easier adjustment of blade guides beneath

Saw table tilts on pair of trunnions beneath it, and locks with hand knob (left) at angle desired for making a beveled cut, straight or curved. Note lower blade guides beneath saw table

Straight cuts in long stock can be ripped with fair accuracy on a band saw. When blade deviates from a straight cut, cut out a single-contact-point fence like this; it allows slight steering of the stock to produce a straight cut. If blade tracks true, you can use a long fence like that of a circular saw, or simply clamp a straight board to the table and use it for a fence to guide your work



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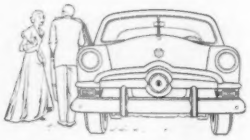

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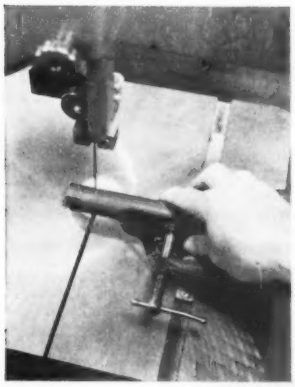
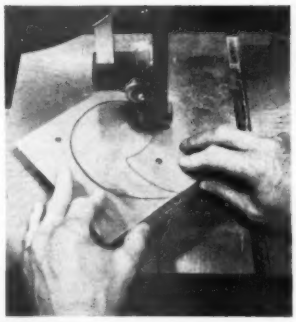
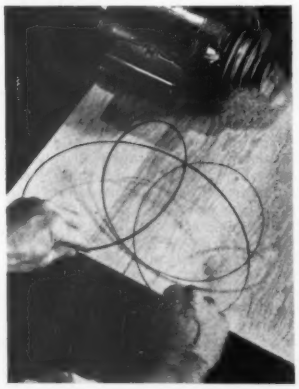


Miter gauge is an accessory that increases the accuracy of work done on a band saw. Here it is used with a C-clamp to cut accurate sections from length of copper tubing. Blade made for cutting metal is used



Thin sheet metal can be cut on a band saw. Avoid ragged edges on underside by using a piece of waste wood as backing board. Tack metal to wood (through the waste portions) and cut desired pattern. Wood will stiffen metal and keep the edge of cut clean and smooth

Sharp corners can't be turned with a band-saw blade; it must enter, then back out and start from another point to complete pattern. Make short cuts first and back out, rather than long, intricate cuts. Deep, straight slot pictured leaves no choice but to back out. Complete it by second cut marked, with nibbles to eat out triangle



To fold blades for storage, use this technique. Hold blades with hands at mid-points, teeth up, flat of blade clamped between thumbs and first two fingers. Roll hands inward, twisting the blade, at the same time hooking far side of loop under edge of table to help force loop down. Continue twist and bring hands together until blade forms triple loop. Then slide loops onto table where they will enmesh and lie flat. Store blades in a wooden box or hang them on wall pegs

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How tough is an

What about—bumps and blows emotional shocks and a mother's worries?

Contrary to old wives' tales, the little rascals are pretty rugged

By Amy Selwyn

Henry Jones had two sons, 7 and 10, and every time he looked at them, he was torn with guilt. Even after 7 years, he couldn't shake off the memory of that terrible morning his wife Betty had tripped on the cellar step he had forgotten to fix. The doctor had kept telling them not to worry, that the baby would be all right. But Henry hadn't believed him, and after Johnny was born, he was sure the doctor had been wrong. From the beginning Henry could see that Johnny would never turn out to be as strong and healthy as his older brother. Now, at 7, he was smaller and more frail than Donald had been at 5. He ate poorly, got sick frequently, and seemed slower mentally than his brother. Henry was convinced that his carelessness during Betty's pregnancy was entirely responsible.

This article is being written for Henry, and for many other men and women who are tormented by the same feelings. And there are many. There are couples like the Browns, whose little girl is not doing well at school and is impossible to manage at home. The Browns realize sadly that she has always been troublesome, and the only explanation they can offer is that she must have been affected in some way by a disturbing emotional experience when Mrs. Brown was pregnant. Or there are couples like the Smiths. Their only son was born with a deformed hand. It has been operated on four times without much success. They feel sure it wouldn't have happened if they had stayed home the summer the baby was due, instead of taking an auto trip and getting shaken up in an accident.

And there are many other couples now expecting babies who are in dread that an accident or a fright or an emotional upset during pregnancy will mar the baby.

The message that this article brings to them all—and to you—is this: Stop feeling fearful; stop feeling guilty. Nothing that a pregnant woman experiences or thinks about is likely to affect her unborn child. The belief, widely held by men as well as women, that the daily events of pregnancy can mold a child as if he were a piece of clay is without foundation.

I learned this by talking directly to leading doctors and by going through reams of scientific material published on this subject. Authorities are convinced moreover, that even a serious accident or a severe shock during pregnancy is not likely to harm the baby. Dr. Alan Frank Guttmacher famous obstetrical specialist at Johns Hopkins University, tells of a patient who fell from a 16-foot cliff and broke both legs, yet delivered a normal, healthy baby. "Rarely in my almost 30 years of practice," he adds, "has a blow or a fall done serious damage to the unborn baby. Neither have I found babies to be affected by anything a mother sees, does, or thinks during pregnancy."

No doctor says that there *aren't* ways in which the events of pregnancy can influence a baby. It is well established that what a mother eats can determine the size, the weight, and the future health of her baby. It is also agreed that a mother's health during pregnancy undoubtedly affects her baby, as well as her own safety in the delivery room. It's accepted, too, that both baby and mother are benefited if the mother gets good medical care and may be harmed if she doesn't.

The brutal fact is, though, that many mothers do not take these important steps to protect themselves and their babies because they spend their time, instead,

unborn baby?

worrying about dangers that *don't* actually exist. And their husbands are equally concerned with groundless fears, sometimes more so.

If you cling to these mistaken beliefs about prenatal influences, you are asking for trouble in other ways, too. The fear and tension that are built up during pregnancy may make labor and delivery longer and more difficult. The guilt which begins in pregnancy may last for years afterward and jeopardize your family happiness. And if something does seem to be wrong with your boy or girl, the belief that the trouble was caused before he was born may keep you from going after the true cause and getting it taken care of.

That's why it is so important to discuss openly what these misconceptions are, and why doctors are so sure that they have no basis in fact. Actually, they've been sure for some time, but recently they've gotten new and indisputable proof.

First, there's the belief that an accident during pregnancy can mar the baby, physically or mentally. Mrs. Young, in the third month of her pregnancy, was taking a Saturday afternoon stroll with her husband. They were walking along the edge of a high-school playground. Suddenly a boy threw a football wild and hit Mrs. Young in the stomach.

Both she and her husband were sure that the blow had injured the baby, perhaps killed him. The doctor took X-rays and said the baby was alive. He said he couldn't tell them anything more, although the chances were good that the baby was all right. But Mr. and Mrs. Young had heard too many stories about accidents during pregnancy to accept the doctor's word.

So the doctor explained further: Within the uterus, the developing baby—the fetus—floats about in a substance called amniotic fluid. Amniotic fluid serves many purposes. It prevents the walls of the uterus from cramping the fetus, and it allows the fetus unhampered growth and movement. It ensures the fetus a warm, even temperature. Above all it acts as an excellent shock absorber. If the mother receives a blow on the abdomen, the fetus is jolted a bit and merely floats away.

"It is because of the amniotic fluid," comments Doctor Guttmacher, "that accidents to the mother almost never injure the child. Many times I have been called to examine pregnant women who have been injured by blows on the abdomen. Despite many bruises on the mother, the baby remains unharmed."

Another doctor told me of a patient who was in an auto accident during pregnancy. She broke both legs, both arms, and suffered a brain concussion. Her baby was unharmed. And there are numerous medical accounts of women who have jumped from burning buildings, fallen down flights of stairs, and crashed in airplane disasters. Some of them received serious injuries, but their babies came through untouched.

Next, consider the belief that the *thoughts* a mother has during pregnancy can affect the baby. Pregnant women often believe that they must think beautiful thoughts, if they want their baby to have a sweet disposition. Many husbands believe this too. Some people even think that if an expectant mother reads a lot or listens to music, she increases her chances of having an intelligent or musical child. One doctor told me about a woman who took piano lessons and practiced two hours a day, and, incidentally, didn't get around to seeing a doctor until the sixth month of her pregnancy. She had a physical abnormality which almost cost her her child, and which could have been treated easily, had she seen a doctor when she first became pregnant.

This woman didn't know that a child's intelligence and talents cannot be altered during the course of pregnancy. These are decided at the moment of conception when a particular egg and a particular sperm happen to fuse and create a new individual. The chemical and physical factors within the egg and sperm determine once and for all whatever native talents and abilities a youngster is going to have. No simple environmental influences can have much of an effect.

When May Hall was pregnant, her husband's sister came to live with them. The two women didn't get along at all. May either was in a constant rage or else was too depressed to talk. She had heard about the importance of keeping calm and happy during pregnancy, but her husband kept telling her she was foolish to believe in old wives' tales. Now their child is 9, a bad-tempered girl, sullen and uncooperative. Both Tom and May are convinced now that the disturbing environment during pregnancy was the direct cause. They feel guilty about it.

Here are the facts: No thoughts

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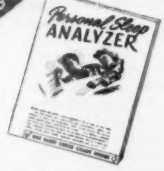

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How tough is an unborn baby?

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or moods—whether good or bad—can pass from mother to baby. The baby has his own nervous system, his own blood supply. The only substances that go from mother to baby are food products and glandular secretions. If the Hall's little girl is sour and nasty, it's because of something that is disturbing her *now*, not something that disturbed her mother 10 years ago.

How about an emotional shock during pregnancy? Can it mean disaster for the baby? Here, too, all the evidence says, "No." Most babies born during the bombing of Britain were hale and hearty. A specialist told me about a pregnant woman who lost two other children in a fire, went on to have a normal baby. Another mentioned a woman who became mentally ill during pregnancy and had to be confined to a hospital. Her baby was fine, and has been ever since.

There are many women like Mrs. C. During her fifth month, her mother was killed in an automobile accident. Mrs. C. was grief-stricken, and even the thought of her child didn't rouse her. Her husband kept telling her: "You know it isn't good for you to feel this way—with the baby coming. Something may happen to him." Suddenly, she was seized with the idea that the baby had been harmed by the shock she'd gone through. Her fear kept mounting as she waited out the last four months. When the baby was born, all the C.'s fears seemed to have come true: The baby's face was misshapen by a cleft palate.

Fortunately, surgeons are now extremely skillful at repairing abnormalities of this sort, and within a couple of days the baby's mouth was in perfect shape. But didn't this prove that the child had been affected by his mother's emotional state? Definitely, no. As we noted, the accident occurred in the fifth month. By that time, though, the baby's physical development had already been completed. A cleft palate was the result of *incomplete* development. And the baby's features were formed much earlier in pregnancy, months before the accident occurred. Few men and women know that a baby is completely formed by the end of the second month of prenatal life. He grows larger after that; he develops hair and eyelashes and nails; but he doesn't grow any new parts.

Any abnormality—whether it's a birthmark or a major physical defect—must develop during the first 6 to 8 weeks of pregnancy. That is, during the time when the woman—and her husband—are not likely to know that she is pregnant.

Doctors say, though, that most men and women don't start worrying about prenatal influences until the latter part of pregnancy, often 6 or 7 months after the baby has been completely formed.

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Here's another reason why doctors debunk these worries: Nearly all fathers and mothers worry that some experience during pregnancy can make the baby abnormal. One of the first questions doctors hear is invariably, "Is the baby all right, doctor?" Yet only a handful of babies are born with any abnormality—no more than one in several hundred. "If a mother's worries could make a baby abnormal," one doctor commented, "wouldn't there be more abnormal ones?"

The average doctor delivers thousands of babies during his years of practice. Yet, as a noted specialist, Nicholson Eastman, points out: "Neither I nor any obstetrician I know has seen one case where a mother's thoughts or fears during pregnancy affected her child in any way."

Actually, many doctors make a special point of telling this to women who come for care, or they ask husbands to stop by so they can be reassured. Yet many of these men and women go right on believing that experiences during pregnancy *can* hurt or handicap their child.

What's the reason? Is it just that any misconception that has been upheld since the dawn of mankind can't be expected to die overnight? Perhaps that's one reason, but there's a newer one which has far more significance for men and women who cling to these false fears, because it shows a way of overcoming them.

During pregnancy, the explanation goes, a number of powerful emotions come into play—among men no less than women. Most men and women aren't fully aware of them.

If you're a man who's just found out he's going to be a father, you know that you feel happy, but you may not know that you also feel deeply anxious. You're anxious about how the baby will turn out and how you'll tackle the job of fatherhood. You're anxious about having to provide extra money and food and clothing. (Even if you have a good job and money in the bank, this fear is inevitable.) Usually, though, you keep these fears hidden deep in your unconscious mind so that nobody, *not even you*, knows about them. That's because to you—as to most men—such emotions would imply weakness or inadequacy. You don't realize that they're normal, inevitable feelings that every man has, so you're determined that they won't find expression.

Like all unconscious feelings, though, these can't stay bottled up for long. They burst forth *not* in their original form, but as superstitions which you are confident everybody has believed since the world began.

It works similarly if you're a woman. As soon as you discover you're pregnant, you're hit by mixed emotional reactions. You're overjoyed, but at the same time you're haunted by a deep—and usually unconscious — concern

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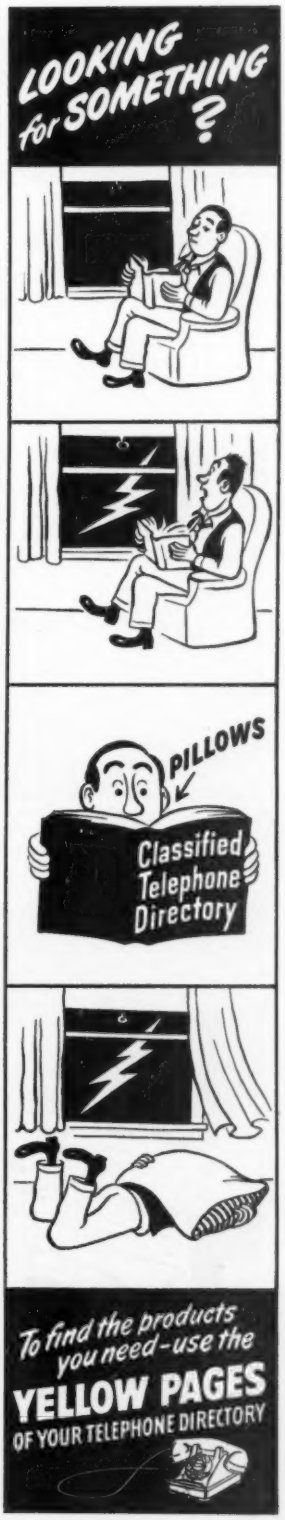

In any room hanging shelves can add height —and thereby add importance—to a table, desk, or chest, if you hang them close to it

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Hanging shelves

—*something special for your walls*

By David Jardin

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In your dining room let hanging shelves turn a chest of drawers into a breakfront. Choose wide shelves to balance the size of the chest. And hang them low, so they'll seem part of the chest

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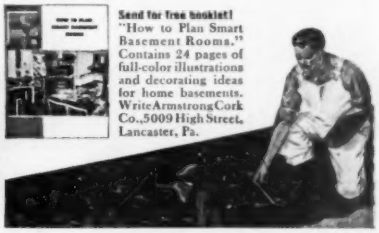

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Hanging shelves

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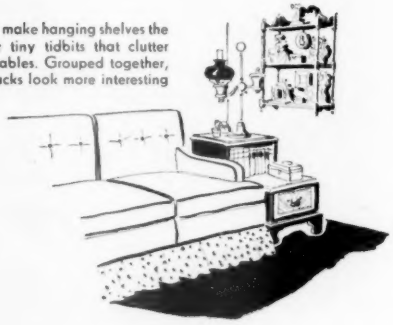
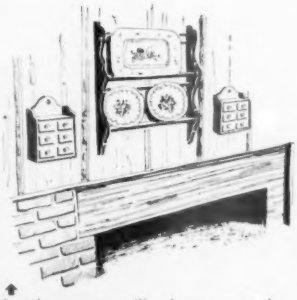
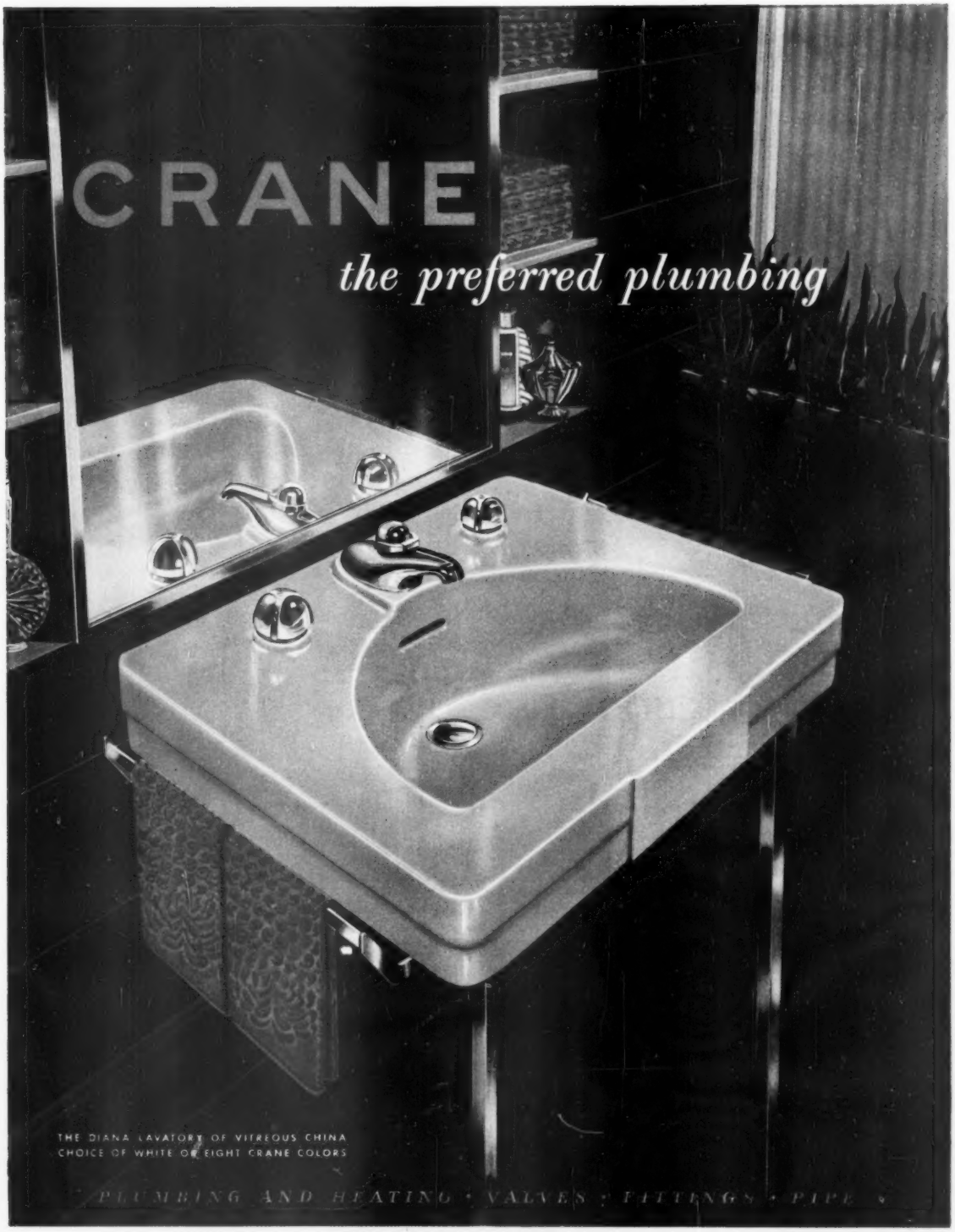




In tight quarters you'll welcome practical kinds of hanging shelves. Here are two: Center shelves are grooved so dinner plates can stand up safely; salt boxes at either end hold needles, pins, and such

Above a desk you can fill your shelves with decorative bits or with such practical accessories as books, pencil boxes, ink bottles. These shelves, by the way, were fashioned from an old clockcase

Over a low chest you'll choose hanging shelves for extra height. Shelves will carry your attention up the wall to make the chest seem taller. But be sure the chest accessories (like these candles) tie chest and shelf together



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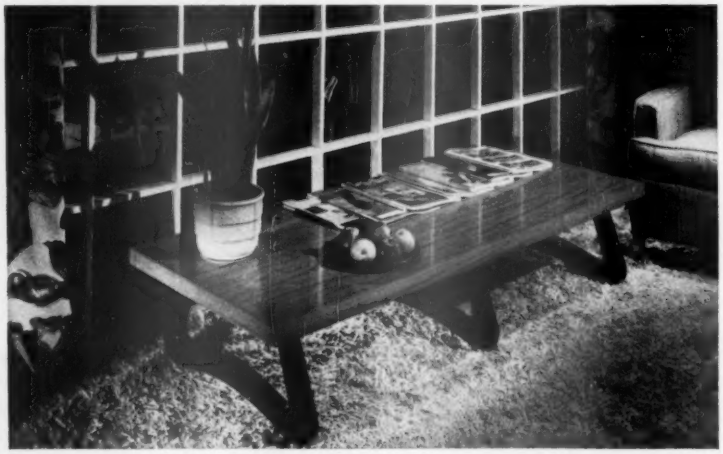

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Trim table for your table-model television set might fit anywhere in your living room. At showtime, you can swing the whole table around to face the audience. Note the middle drawer that's handy for cards, the two shelves for magazines and books.

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Design by Dorothy Draper

Dorothy Draper has reached back into the past and looked forward into the future to conceive this brilliant living room. Its paneled walls are standard Malarkey doors. Each opens into convenient storage. Its view seating alcove is directly opposite the video grid. Built with Malarkey plywoods and doors, this outstanding living room costs much less than its beauty suggests. Send for Plan Sheet.

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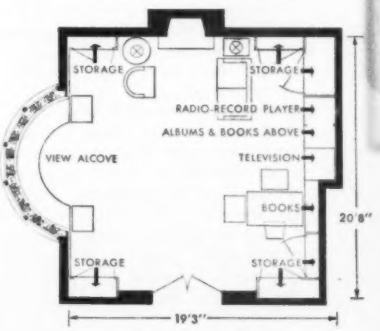

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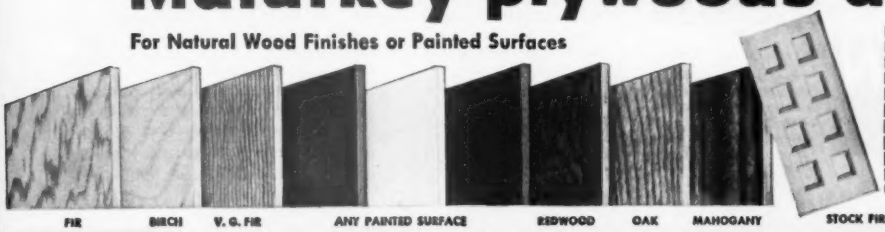

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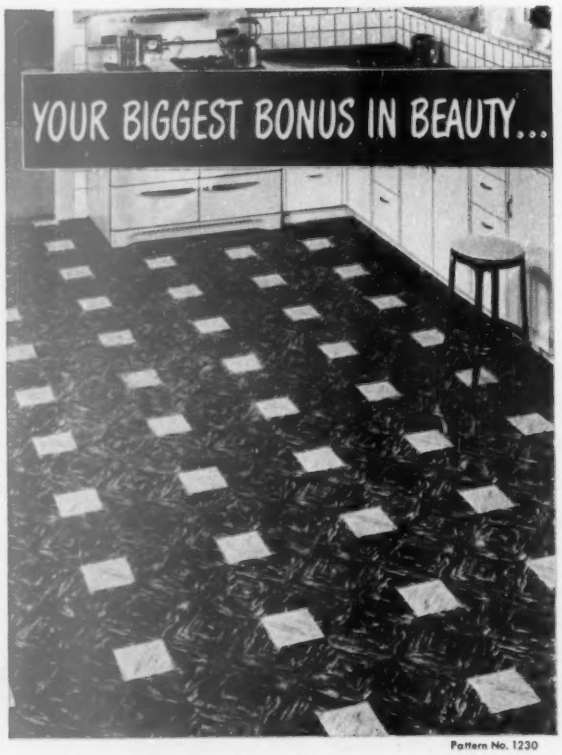

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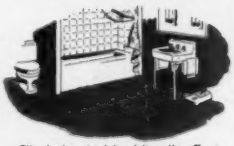

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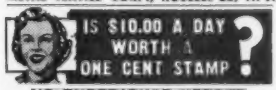

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Ours is the forthright tale of two city-ridden people who simply wanted more space. We wanted a real outdoors; room for children, dogs, and a couple of horses. And our country home had to be near enough to the city for Father to drive to his office five days a week.

We bought the old farm you've dreamed about, too, the place with the leaky roof and the glorious view. Our nearest neighbor lives a mile away. The maples are magnificent. A brook sparkles below the hill, and snow blocks our driveway all winter. A dozen men have wistfully asked my husband, "How'd you get your wife to live out there?" But on sweltering August nights, our friends, both wives and husbands, drive from the city to share our cool, unfailing breeze. They eagerly discuss buying a certain charming, if dilapidated, farmhouse they've seen. They talk, but they hesitate. They've heard too much lately about "Acres and Pains." "Maybe it'd be smarter to wait until our lovely farm country becomes a city suburb 15 years from now?"

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New kitchen:

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Eating corner at right is sunlit through the big bay window. This cheery breakfast bay is conveniently close to the refrigerator and serving end of the range. Mrs. Donaldson keeps kitchen knickknacks on cornice shelf above sink. Cabinets are of mellow white ash, counter tops are peach tile

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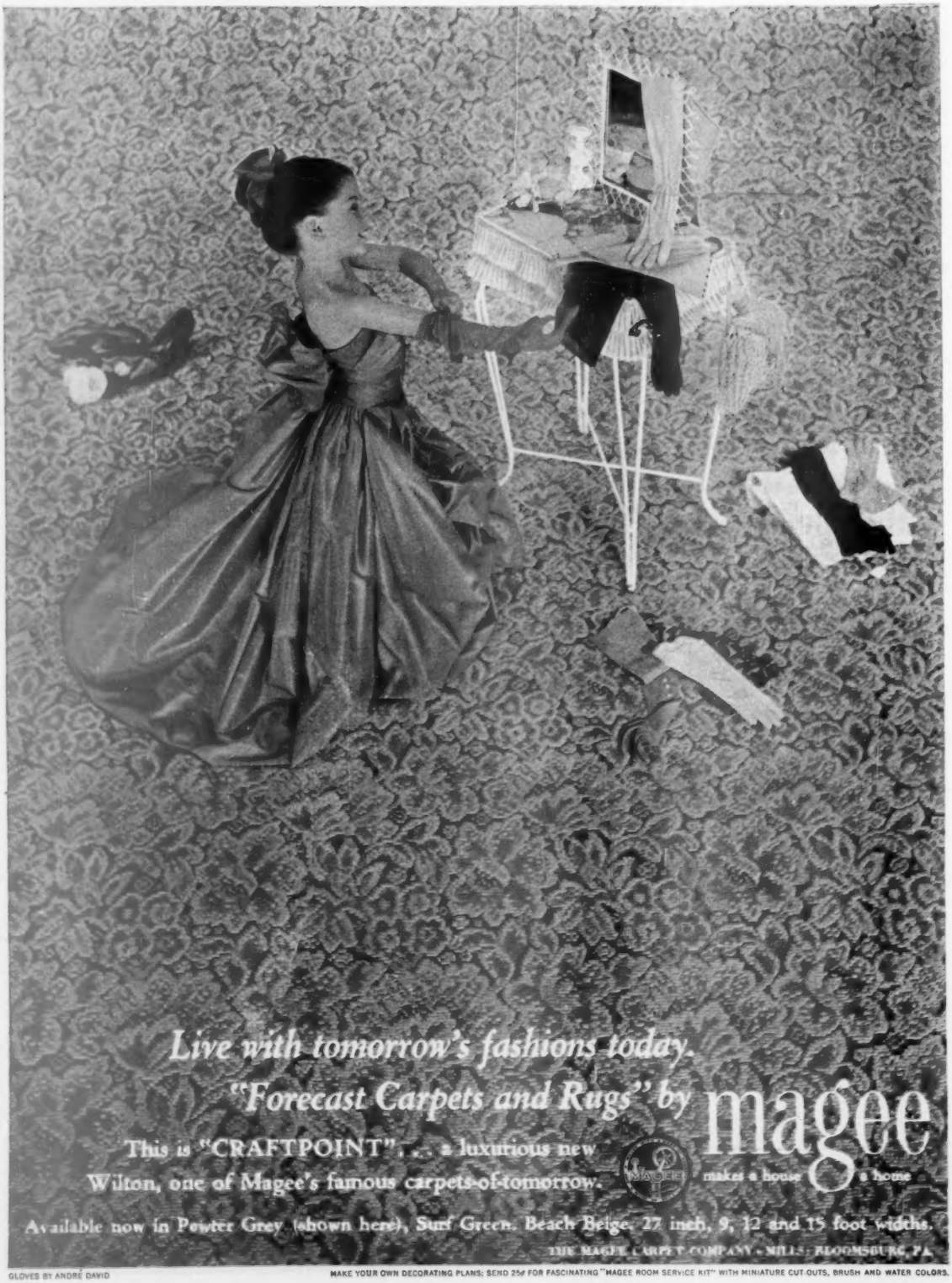

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Storage space for cooking utensils is handy to range top. A divided drawer keeps lids and baking equipment in apple-pie order. Larger cabinet holds saucepans and kettles. Cleaning equipment is kept in the floor-to-ceiling cabinet next to the planning desk. Mrs. Donaldson's china in cabinets, left, can be reached from the dining room through sliding doors.

Smart cook!

How to fix a garlic French loaf

SLASH long French loaf in even slices. Make the cuts on the bias; don't cut clear through. Mash 1 garlic clove thoroughly; cream into ½ cup butter or fortified margarine. Spread generously between slices. Wrap loaf in aluminum foil or slip it into a paper sack. Heat in oven (400°) until piping hot, 15 to 20 minutes. Serve the crusty bread in a napkin-lined breadbasket.

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Provide easy access to the outdoors. Here in the kitchen, a pair of glassed doors flank an eight-foot-square section of fixed glass, making the slope part of the house in good weather. In bad weather you can watch in comfort while wind, rain, and snow buffet the landscape. Most work and storage space is concentrated on two of the inside walls

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Small home

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When you walk into this room it looks like a living room. There's a table which might be for eating and a pair of couches which might double as beds. But you aren't sure until a series of doors at one end of the room is thrown open.

Behind those doors are the works of the house. There is the kitchen, a range-sink-refrigerator combination that fits in a space six feet by two. Fix a meal, and heat and odors disappear through a ceiling ventilating fan. Put dirty dishes in the sink, close doors, and the mess is out of the way.

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Data compiled by Ethel McCall Head

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By Anna Hansen

Light, airy arrangement adds interest to a coffee table. Place nine stems of roadside grass high and outside. Arrange five medium-length stems of plumed celosia in center and right, five stems of crested celosia in low center. Put bowl on burl base made from a maple stump.

Hollow stump makes the bowl. Place three cattails in high center, two stems each of oats and wild rye at right, two stems of dock on left. In center put two stems of teasel, and at low center two wood roses or pine cones cut crosswise in layers. Sycamore seed ball rests on burl base.

Winter arrangements look smart in a high vase. Outline arrangement with five pentstemons. Put six bergamot round seed heads center and left. Place one large mullein rosette in low center. Bowl and small figurine go on burl base made from a tree stump.

Small arrangement in a comport is perfect for an occasional table. Arrange three cattails in high center, four fertile fern fronds center and right, two stems of dock at right. Place three yellow, flat-headed achillea, two branches Siberian iris seed pods left. In center go three wood roses.

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Oriental arrangement in a small, rectangular bowl is easy to make, adds a decorative touch to the room. Place five stems of apple of Peru high, three stems of sumac seed heads in low center. Bowl and figurine go on base made from piece of hedge stump.

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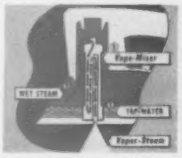

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How to make a burl base

To start, you'll need a stump that has weathered in sun and rain several months. Osage orange (hedge apple) is best because it's hard and has an attractive grain. You can use oak, hard maple, or cherry. Saw the stump obliquely in thickness you want.

Wrap sandpaper around a block of wood. Sand both sides of burl till roughness is gone. Brush with clear varnish. One coat will do, but if you want a hard, glossy surface, give it several coats of varnish. Rub each coat of varnish down to a satin finish.

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How to dry fall flowers and plants

. . . Gather flowers, weeds, foliage, and seed pods when they are in their prime. Pick flowers when first in bloom, seed pods as soon as formed, since weathering will dull them.

. . . If you want to use flowers, weeds, and grasses as stiff, straight pieces, cut with long stems, tie in bunches, and hang with heads down to dry. Dry branches of trees under a board or weight.

. . . If you want stems to dry in curved lines, make your arrangement when you gather the fresh material. Put some water in the container, but do not add more. The arrangement will gradually dry and take on interesting shapes and forms. Plants dried this way keep more of their color, are more pliable and easier to use. Do not use this method for plants with clouds of white or yellow flowers such as babysbreath or goldenrod. They will turn dull brown in water.

. . . If you dry flowers in the basement, add a drop or two of formaldehyde to prevent mold.

. . . Dry all material in the dark to keep more color. If you do not have a place that is completely dark, tie a paper sack over the material.

What to dry for your winter arrangements

From the roadside. Bittersweet (orange), sumac (red), mullein rosettes (gray), locoweed (black), grasses (reddish-brown), rose hips (red), artemisia (green and gray), pennycress (green and yellow-green), dock and cattails (brown), jimsonweed, wild rye, teasel, buttonweed, and monarda (tan), thistles (gray), wild ground cherry (green).

Leaves and seed pods from the flower garden. Love apples (red), apples of Peru (green and brown), canna leaves (greenish-brown), bocconia or plume poppy and pampus grasses (gray and brown), globe-thistles and artemisia silver king (gray), bells of Ireland or Mollucca balm (green), seed pods of Oriental poppy, penstemons, monarda, iris, tulips, regal lilies, hemerocallis, castor beans, black-eyed Susans, hibiscus (both annual and perennial varieties), celosia, or cockscomb, both the plumed and crested varieties, in tints and shades of red and yellow.

Leaves and seed pods from vegetable garden, fields, woods. Fertile fern fronds (brown), okra pods, rhubarb seed stalks, wheat, oats, seed pods of tulip and locust trees, leaves of maple and oak (brown leaves with the white backs of the silver maple especially good), clematis and trumpet vines, wahoo, Cotoneaster, high-bush cranberry, bush-honeysuckle.

Flowers that dry and retain good color. Stokesia (tan), eryngium (purple), Chinese delphiniums (blue), achillea or yarrow (yellow), marigolds (yellow and orange).

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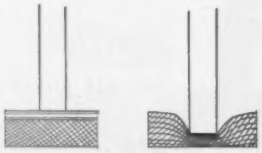
How to hush a noisy house

By Frank G. Lopez, Jr.



Spongy pad absorbs noise—but not if it is crushed down by machine's legs

Room-dividing drapery on ceiling track will help muffle many air-borne noises

Your own house probably never gets as racket-ridden as the unfortunate one above. But in most homes, controlling *some* unwanted sound is a real problem. You don't have to put up with those bangs, splashes, and roars, though—and you *can* do something besides yelling, "Quiet, please!"

There are two kinds of noise: *air-borne* and *solid-borne*. Air-borne noise, logically enough, travels by air waves. Betsy's radio, Rover's bark, Junior's piano "music" are good examples. Solid-borne noise usually comes from mechanical equipment—heating plant, plumbing system, washing machine—and is carried by the house structure itself.

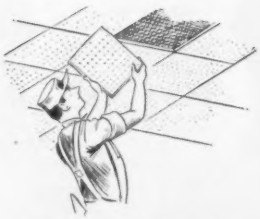
The only sure way to stifle solid-borne noise is to isolate the source of the noise from the structure.

A noisy washing machine or refrigerator, for example, can be quieted by laying a vibration-absorbing mat between it and the floor. A plywood panel between the machine's legs and the pad will distribute the load over the whole area.

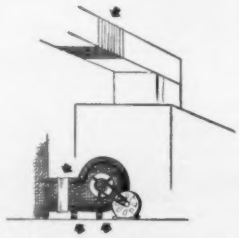
Furniture, draperies, and rugs drown much air-borne sound by breaking up flat, reflective surfaces. Generally speaking, the softer the furnishings, the quieter a room is. Here is practical justification for the broad expanses of floor-to-ceiling hangings in modern decoration.

In rooms where furnishings can't do the job—kitchen, recreation or family room, and hobby room—use acoustical tile or acoustical plaster. These materials are usually applied on ceilings, where they aren't subject to damage

If your heating plant or blower is [*Turn to page 199*



Acoustical tile is an efficient husher—and moderately low-cost



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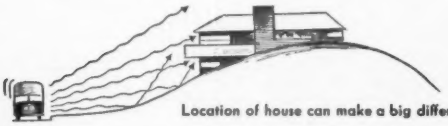
Trees, bushes are good noise buffers

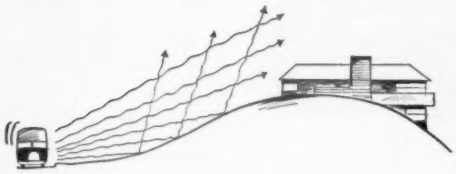
noisy, you may need a flexible canvas link between blower and main air duct. It will help, too, to mount parts in contact with the floor on rubber supports. If air whistles through the ducts themselves, dampers may be out of adjustment or outlet grills may be too small.

Outdoor noises—traffic, children playing, lawn mowers—can't be cut out completely, but they can be reduced. Sound waves travel in straight lines, remember, so you can interrupt traffic sounds with planting. Shrubbery is excellent, particularly if it is fine-leaved, compact, and used in quantity. For better sound control, use bushes and trees together.

You can often use the contours of your lot to advantage,



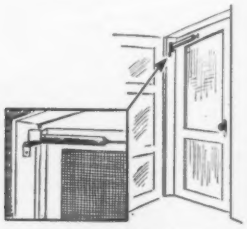
Location of house can make a big difference



too. Sound bounces off objects at the same angle it hits. Thus a house on the forward slope of a rise is bombarded by street noises, but a house set even slightly below the crown will be virtually free of traffic sounds.

If you're building a new house, you can—with proper planning—eliminate the causes of much noise by zoning.

Plan bedrooms and guest room far away from the family



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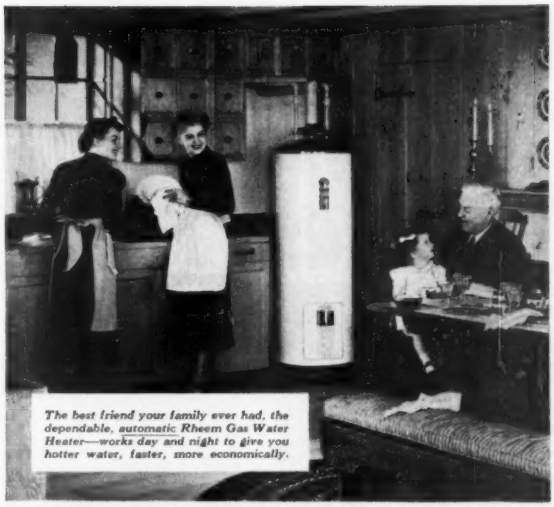
room. Surround bathrooms with closets, and use banks of closets between bedrooms. (Clothes are effective sound-absorbers; so are linens piled on closet shelves.) Plan your kitchen, utility room, and bathroom in one area, so they can be sound-isolated from the rest of the house.

Good construction will prevent transmission of both solid-borne and air-borne noise. Keep heavy equipment—heating plant, attic fan—as far as possible from main structural members that will send sounds through the house.

You see, you *can* keep noise under control. And your life at home will be far pleasanter and easier if you *do*.



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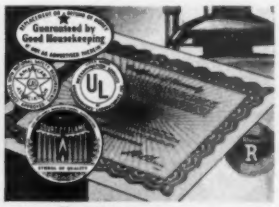

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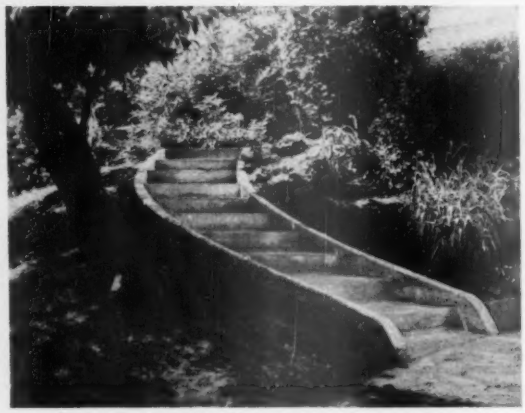

You can make pleasing concrete steps. Use a garden hose to lay out curve desired. Make curved forms for sides by pegging down pliable wood strips. Pour sides first; remove forms after concrete hardens. Make a vertical form at height desired for step to hold concrete for smoothing and hardening. Most folks have work done.

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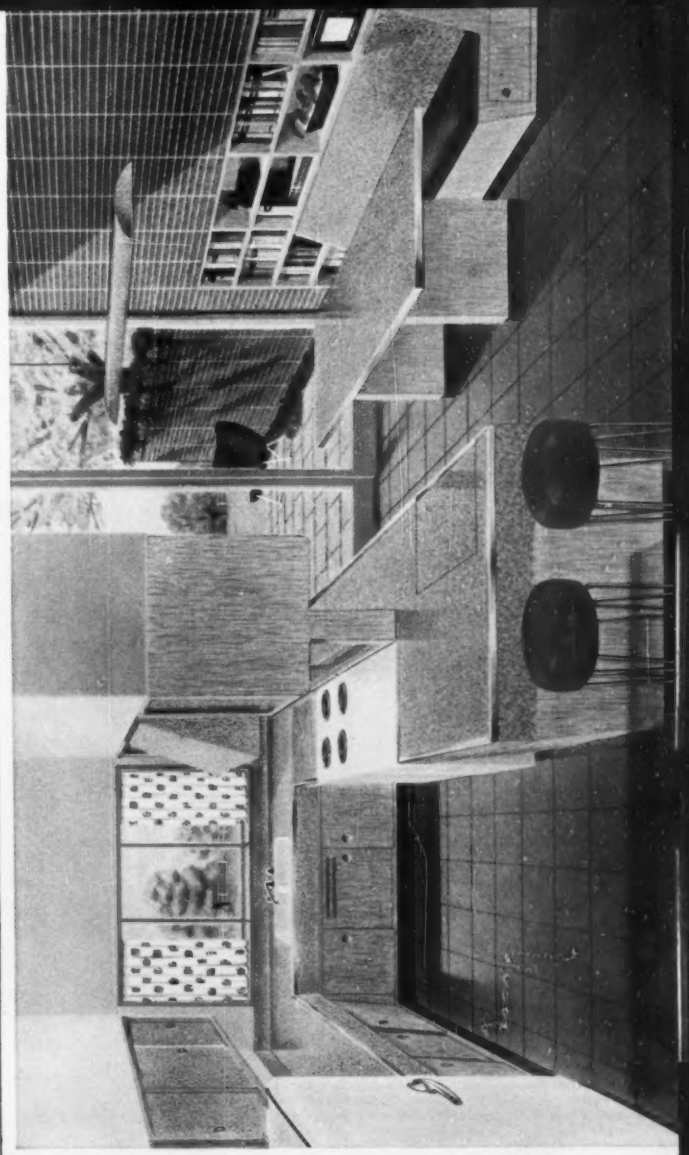
Bill Jackson

Staggered shelves look as though they had been tailored to fit the books they hold. Cove lighting makes the wall an attention-getter



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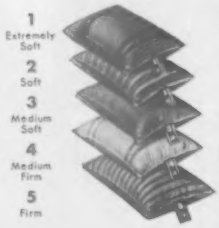

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By Kermit Andrews

A terrace means the difference between just having a garden, and living in it. It takes you outdoors and keeps you there, making hot-weather living pleasant. Here are photographs to show what terraces can give you. It all adds up to better living.

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Sunshine: This terrace takes you out from under the porch and into the sun. It was made by extending the brick floor of the porch. No mortar was used except to hold the outside row of bricks; rest of the bricks are laid on sand. Lawn, flowers, and shrubs keep terrace cool and fresh

Richard Averill Smith

Coolness: Put your terrace away from buildings and under a tree to take advantage of every cool breeze that passes. This terrace is simple and inexpensive. It requires only a border of bricks set in the ground, with about three inches of the earth inside replaced with well-tamped sand

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Maynard Parker

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By Betty Childs

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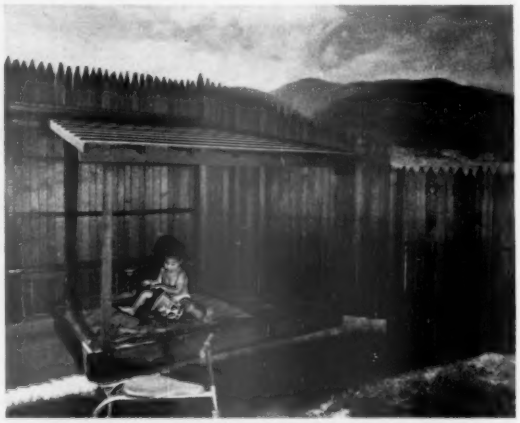

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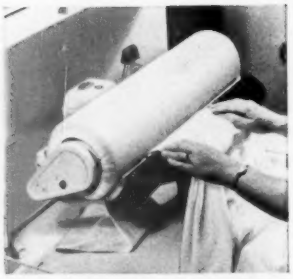

2 "I'd say I average 15 shirts a week in my laundry basket. Doing them by hand would take up to 20 minutes each. But I can iron a shirt beautifully on my Ironrite in 4 minutes or less!

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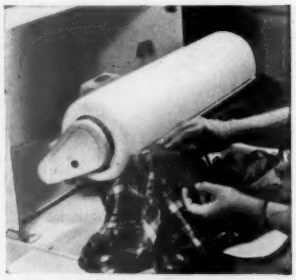

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Nighty-night— without a fight

By Josephine Poynter

Have tucking-in trouble at your house? Here's how to take the bedlam out of bedtime

"Why, it seems to me that getting the children to bed is the easiest thing that I do all day," said pretty Betty Farraday, while she was briskly setting out the cards for the neighborhood canasta game. She was so convincing that I made a date to call on her the next day in the hopes of learning her secret of stashing three children away every night without any fuss and without being recalled a dozen times the way that most of us know that we will be. The Farradays' is, in fact, the only house where we play cards and know that we won't be interrupted by demands for drinks of water or requests to come upstairs and say good night.

I had luncheon the next day with Betty and her 3-year-old, Ellen, who was just home from nursery school. The baby, Billy, was sleeping in his carriage on the porch, and Tommy, the 8-year-old, was in school. Then I listened shamelessly while Betty put Ellen to bed for her nap. Their conversation about Ellen's morning in nursery school continued through the bathroom routine and the undressing. I could hear the shades being pulled down and Betty saying sweetly, "That must have been fun, darling. Now have a good nap, and when you wake up, we will go to the store to buy some strawberries for supper." "Can we stop and see Aunt Mary on the way?" asked Ellen hopefully. "I don't know now. We will talk about that after your nap," answered Betty firmly.

It was her tone of voice and the calm, unruffled way with which she performed the routine of preparing Ellen for bed which was responsible for her success, I decided. We talked about it over our dessert and coffee. Ellen had finished all that she had wanted of her smaller portion of salad, had toyed with her sandwich, and had been given her custard and one of the little candies which I had brought, long before we were ready for dessert. I made a mental note at the time that Betty's attitude toward the way that Ellen ate her luncheon might have something to do with the way in which Ellen went to bed.

I asked Betty whether she thought this was so, and her eyes lit up. "Oh! I *know* that it does, because I started to have trouble getting Ellen to take her nap a few months ago when I tried doing my grocery shopping with her on our way home from nursery school. I didn't realize at first that it was too exciting an excursion after her busy morning, and that it also meant delaying her meal at least half an hour.

"She was too tired to eat her lunch, and we had a few arguments. And then, of course, she wasn't relaxed and in the proper mood for sleep. I know that she is tired at noon, and I actually start getting her ready for her nap as soon as she comes home from nursery school. I avoid pressure and excitement. I have stopped telling her that she must eat her lunch because I don't feel that I am any judge of her appetite, but I *can* always tell when she isn't getting enough sleep!!" Betty said this with such fervor that I had to laugh. But I wondered seriously how many parents are so quick to recognize signs of fatigue in their children and wise enough to do something about the causes.

Betty and Tom Farraday are modern, permissive parents who allow their children considerable freedom within the limits of safety and consideration for others. Tommy, at 8, makes many decisions regarding his clothes, his free time, and his spending money. He is even allowed to travel considerable distances alone by bus and streetcar. But his folks do not feel [*Turn to next page*

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Nighty-night

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that he is qualified to decide for himself when he ought to go to bed. As Betty said, "The rule is 7 o'clock for Ellen and 8 for Tommy, and we simply never discuss it. The kids will argue with me or their daddy about lots of things, like wanting cookies before dinner or picking up their toys; but when it comes to the business of going to bed, they seem to know that we mean what we say."

She told me about having had a little difficulty with Tommy at a time when some of the children in his class were allowed to listen to a radio program which came on at 8 o'clock. Tommy felt very much out of things because he wasn't permitted to stay up even that one night. She and Tom talked it over and decided to stick to their rule on school nights, and because they were so definite, Tommy accepted their decision with a minimum of fuss. It was significant that the teacher soon noticed signs of fatigue in some of the children who were allowed to stay up late and commented to their parents that their schoolwork was suffering.

"You parents all talk too much to your kids," the visiting psychologist said to us at our nursery-school meeting the other night. "Try getting your ideas sorted out and straight in your own minds before you attempt to put over to your children what it is that you want them to do. Most of your words are wasted anyway, and only tend to confuse. Children look for attitudes, not rationalizations. If you are nervous, doubtful, tense, or undecided, no amount of talking will convince your child that you are not."

I asked him about getting the children to bed, and he said, "What do you think they ought to be doing at night? Figure this out, fairly and honestly, on the basis of their health and your right to enjoy an uninterrupted evening. Make a sound plan, and you will find that you won't have any trouble putting it into action."

A sound plan for making bedtime definite involves many things which vary from family to family, depending upon the age of the children, when you eat your evening meal—even the weather. Daylight-saving time, for instance, often calls for reorganization. If you are in any doubt as to how much sleep your child needs, your doctor is probably the best one to help you decide. You may learn that more sleep, rather than less, is advised. Once you have been convinced of the value of an afternoon nap and the necessity for a specified number of hours of sleep at night, you can then count how many steps must be taken before the final good-night kiss, and budget the time accordingly.

Maybe the bath, supper, and a story are the only features which have to be worked in before bedtime. But with older children, there is often piano practice, homework, or the collecting of seed pods or road maps or some other trifle which they have promised to bring to class the next day. A preview of the day to come for these older children, perhaps at suppertime, often discloses assignments or self-imposed projects which, if not attended to right after dinner, are apt to delay the hour of getting into bed. If Jack is planning to take his skates to school tomorrow, you don't want him frantically looking for the missing strap when he is supposed to be in bed. If Mary's books are due at the school library, she should have them all collected before bedtime. Things left undone will keep these school-age children awake when they really need their sleep. Call them in from their game of hide-and-seek if necessary, even if it is a lovely spring evening and it seems a shame to spoil their fun. They need the time to get organized for the next day without rushing, and they rely on you to see that it is provided for them.

You can help smaller children, who aren't yet burdened with responsibility, to relax by reviewing with them the day they have just lived through. Many parents tell the true story of the child's day while getting him ready for bed. A frank reference to the unpleasant events as well as sincere appreciation of the good is most reassuring to the child. This way: "Two little boys were playing in the sandbox today. One was named Peter, and

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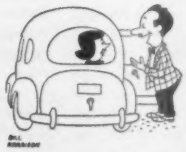

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Nighty-night—without a fight

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the other was Johnny. Peter and Johnny were friends, but all of a sudden they started to have a big fight over a shovel. Peter hit Johnny, and Johnny cried. Then Peter's mommie took him indoors because he was too cross to play any more and he was throwing sand." Mother can say with a twinkle in her eye. Or "Let's talk about going to the store and how you thought you were lost. You couldn't see your mommie. All you could see was bread and crackers and the meat counter—no Mommie anywhere. And then you cried, and the store-man picked you up and held you high so that you could see over the bread shelves, and *there* was your mommie, right on the other side!!" A scary dog, a temper tantrum, or a dreadful deed in front of Grandma can weigh on a child's mind and prevent him from dropping off to sleep. But it is easy to reduce fears, alleviate guilt, and encourage better behavior the next time by simply adopting the program of habitually talking things over in story fashion.

Too often, though, the opposite effect is achieved when Father comes home. Either he is met with a long tale of deeds and misdeeds with which he is supposed to deal, whether he is in the mood or not, or else he gets caught in the familiar trap known as "playing with the baby." If fathers would stop roughhousing with small children, getting them so overstimulated and excited that they are incapable of quieting down, and find pleasure instead in hearing childish confidences or reading aloud, they would be helping, not hampering, good bedtime habits. Save the running and the chasing, the games of lions and tigers, and the boxing lessons for Saturday and Sunday, and follow quieter pursuits in the evenings. Dad is exciting enough to a child who has anticipated his return home from the office for hours. It isn't necessary to overdramatize the role. There are many ways to enjoy a child—choose the ones which will encourage relaxation in the evenings.

Rituals help to smooth the path toward bed. This may be because, by following certain established procedures in an orderly fashion, parents are helped to feel confident. The children, however, gain their acceptance of the routine from their parents' confidence, rather than from a series of actions. When the build-up is right, with a natural and logical sequence of events leading inevitably to bed, and when youngsters know that nothing they can think of to do or say is going to change their parents' plan for landing them in bed at a certain time, they stop protesting and allow normal fatigue to influence their feelings. But if you leave a loophole, like thinking maybe he isn't tired and that you have no right to put a healthy kid away so early, you are simply asking for a fight in the future. So be honest and put the blame where it belongs. Convince yourself of the wisdom of a plan for bedtime procedure, follow it with more action than words—and your problem is practically solved. In some cases it may be necessary to sit by the child's bed for a few nights until he learns you mean what you said.

After all, you aren't imposing a hardship on your children when you send them to bed. Going to bed is *supposed* to be a pleasure. Of course, if you have ever used bed as punishment, or have even given your child the feeling that putting him to sleep was a means of getting rid of him, then you will have to undo this damage. And don't leave your 2-year-old in his crib after he has awakened from his nap or he will soon rebel against being put into it in the first place. Don't let your older children play such wild games or listen to such exciting programs at night that the desire for sleep is banished. Don't put off until the last few minutes before bedtime the things which have to be accomplished before this day can be declared officially over.

You know that adequate sleep is necessary to good health. Here firmness is a favor—to the children who need their sleep whether they are aware of it or not, and to the adults in the family who are entitled to spend their evenings talking *about* the children, not *to* them.

How tough is an unborn baby?

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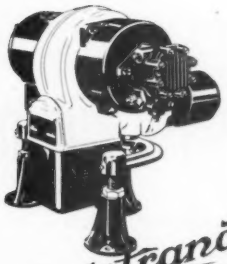
about yourself. You're disturbed by changes, physiological and social, brought about by pregnancy. You're concerned about the responsibilities of motherhood, or if you already have one child, about the additional load another will bring. Your worst fear is that you won't live through childbirth—authorities say this is a universal fear, and almost always unconscious. You may be aware that you feel nervous and irritable, you may be tearful without reason, or you may be especially sensitive to criticism. But with your husband, your emotions are likely to show up in disguised form as irrational fears that your unborn baby is being shaped by your every mood, thought, and action.

That brings us to a good rule for overcoming these mistaken beliefs and the mental anguish they may cause: Both husband and wife should recognize that pregnancy is a time of mixed emotions, some happy, some unhappy. If you accept the fact that a certain amount of anxiety is natural and unavoidable—and that it probably is only temporary—you'll be too intelligent to let false fears exert a harmful influence.



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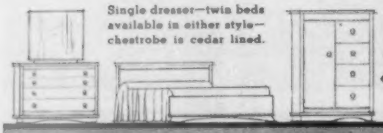

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By Gerry Stoner

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Here are step-by-step photographs showing how to frame a Christmas card. Follow them, and your first passe partout frame will be a cinch. Try it yourself and see.

1 ***Collect your supplies.*** For the picture itself, you'll need a print (here it's a Christmas card) plus glass, backing, and matting cut to size of final picture. For the frame: passe partout and a sponge or cheesecloth moistener. For hanging: gummed hanger and picture hook. For working: ruler, razor blade, pencil, rubber cement. Note: glass protects the print from soil. If you don't plan to use it, spray print with clear lacquer.

frames

Photographs: Stanley

2 ***Cement print to backing.*** Lay your print on the backing and move it around till you find the margin width you'll want. Bottom margin should be deeper than the top; side margins must match. When the print is in place, cement its corners to the backing. (Rubber cement makes the print lie flat.)

3 ***Measure for hole in matting.*** Measure the width of margins around the cemented print. Then pencil a slightly smaller rectangle on the right side of your matting. (That's so the matting will overlap the print on every edge.) Now razor a light line through this pencil marking to serve as a guide when you bevel the edge of the matting hole. Cutting along the metal edge of your ruler will keep the guideline straight.

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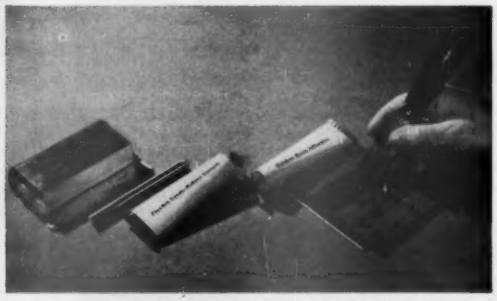
Hot animal glue is prepared in glue-pot or double boiler. Cover glue with cold water for several hours; then warm to 140 degrees and stir. Glue can be remelted, but don't mix old and new batches. Keep sides of pot scraped down. Coat and assemble work quickly before glue jells and sets; prewarm work with a heat lamp. Clamp for 24 hours

Casein glue is made by mixing powder with water. After 15 minutes, stir again, and glue is ready. Clamp hardwood joints at least 4 hours, softwood 2 hours, at 70 degrees. Casein is a chemical-setting, strong, water-resistant glue, used for joining many materials. Apply thick film. To cover card table, sand lightly and brush on even coat of glue. Stretch cover material over top, roll out wrinkles, then apply weights



Flexible casein-rubber cement will bond almost any material at low pressure, is water resistant. Left, it holds metal foil to porous surface. Coat one surface and join at once, or on both and join when tacky. **Rubber-base adhesive** is waterproof. Use it to hold tile, mirrors, metal, or plastic on walls, Apply in spots or spread with saw-tooth putty knife. Assemble at once with twisting motion. Comes in black or light colors

Today's better adhesives will help, but better techniques are more important

By Ken Murray

Do you really know how to use glue? There's more to it than smearing on glue and letting it set. With the right adhesive, you can get a joint stronger than the material being joined. You can speed and simplify dozens of repair jobs. You can get joints that will withstand outdoor exposure, cold or boiling water, acids, or any solvent. But you have to do the job right. Almost every glue failure is due to some application error.

Glue bonds in two ways, by entering openings of porous material, or by adhering tightly to nonporous surfaces by surface tension. Adhesives are made for either job, and some will do both.

When you glue wood, make sure the wood is free of oil, grease, or wax. It should be fairly dry; if shavings from a plane are tightly rolled and cling to your hands, the wood is dry enough. Sand off all old glue. Remove dust carefully. With new lumber, open pores with sandpaper.

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Photographs show types of glue, how to apply, and how to get adequate clamping until glue sets, so your repair job will be permanent.

More types of glue on page 274

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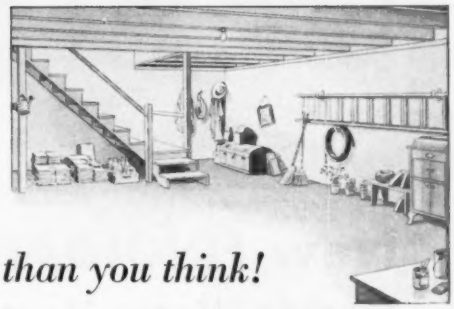

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plant sharing the chimney. Laundry equipment lines a wall of the utility room, which also serves as passageway between the kitchen and the rest of the house. There's an extra sink so you can keep the messy jobs of canning and arranging flowers out of the kitchen proper.

The garage is big enough for two cars. If you have but one, you can use half the space for a workbench, and for storage of logs, a bicycle, storm windows, lawn mower, and garden hose. Three doors extend garage convenience—one leading to the front door in case you bring guests home for dinner, one leading directly to the kitchen so you don't have far to carry groceries, and the third opening toward the rear yard for easy access to the garden.

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Dining table fits into recess of built-in when floor space is needed. Long shelf is handy for buffet suppers. Shuttered doors close off the kitchen

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book and magazine rack in the den where you can stretch out and read. Or, if you read in bed, you'll find shelves with books, radio, telephone, and electric outlets for lamps within arm's reach.

The same simplicity of detail that makes the exterior of the house attractive is carried inside. Surfaces are unbroken; when you redecorate, you don't have a lot of fussy moldings to paint around. Moldings at ceiling and floor are smooth boards without scrollwork. Floors are either asphalt tile or linoleum that can be kept fresh with a minimum of effort.

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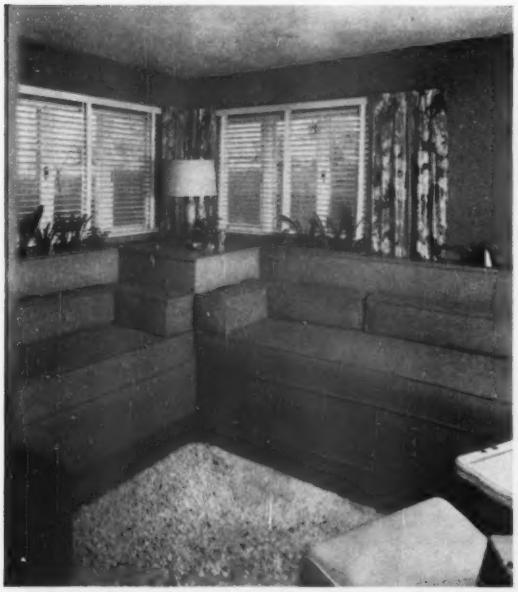
Spaciousness is increased by judicious use of windows. Throughout the house, windows were placed for best air, best light, and best appearance. Both bedrooms have good cross ventilation and excellent light. [*Turn to next page*



ABOVE—Second bedroom provides retreat for studying or reading. Twin beds pull out for overnight guests. Shelf and bolsters narrow beds to seating width. Corner unit for blankets and linen has hinged top

LEFT—Magazines, books, games, and stationery go in den-guest room. Note contrast of smooth surfaces with those textured or patterned

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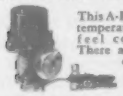

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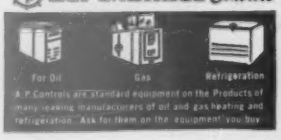

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Counter, dressing table, and drawers are features of lavatory off owners' bedroom. Note well-placed magazine rack. Ceiling paper is moistureproof

Recessed entrance offers shelter from inclement weather. Through glass panels beside entrance door, you can see all the way through the house

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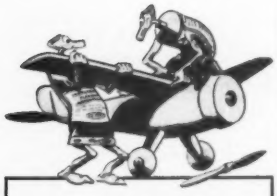

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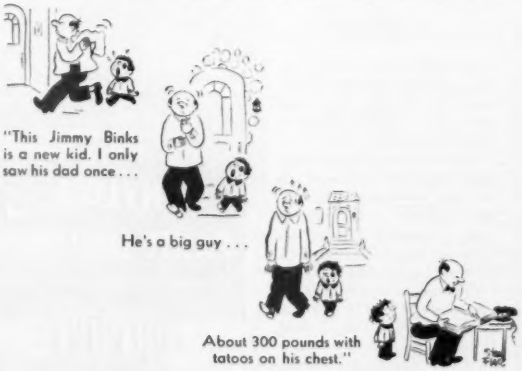

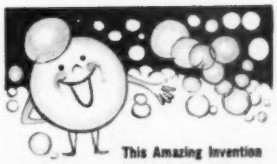

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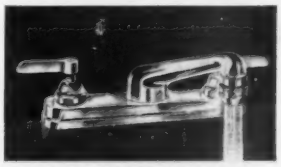

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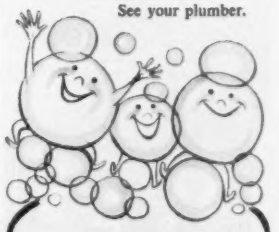

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The silver from the drawer.

You'd wear your favorite sweater
And certainly no shoes,
And jam from chin to forehead
Would tell the meals you'd choose.

But oh! if only I were you,
Your revels you could keep.
I'd climb up in your little bed
And sleep and sleep and sleep!

—*Joanne B. Young*

When you should talk to the teacher

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confuse him with a different, even though good, method. If he is failing to learn because of an emotional reason, home teaching may be harmful. Too much emphasis on grades can cause him so much worry he may not be able to study.

Any real disagreement you have with the teacher. Nothing can undermine a school's efforts more quickly than a mother or dad who says "Your teacher doesn't know what she's doing." Give her the benefit of the doubt—at least until you've talked with her. You may find Johnny's tale greatly exaggerated, or only half told. The silly composition on roses she assigned may have been demanded by your own garden club to promote their flower show. Whatever it is, she deserves a chance to explain before you berate her to Johnny—or to the principal.

To insure privacy for your talk with her, you should make an appointment for after school or her free hour. This will give her a chance to clear her room and get any information she needs from the file before you arrive. She may want to have some of Johnny's work on hand to show you. Don't plan to come the first day, or even the first week, if it can be postponed. After that, you're sure to be welcome.

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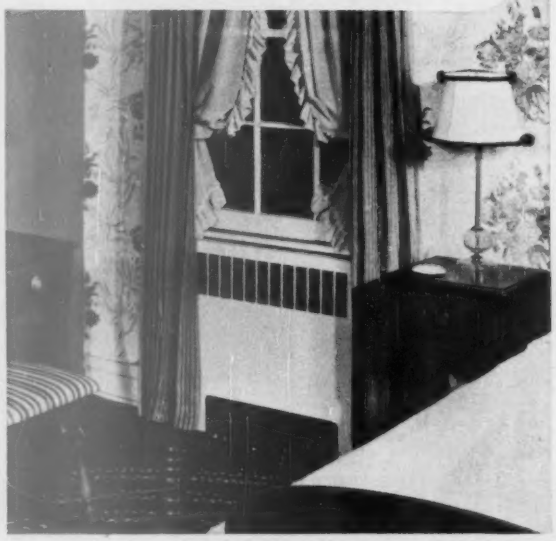

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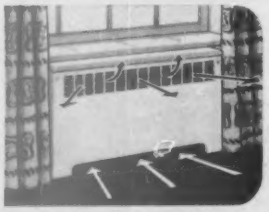

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If your stairway has a landing in the middle, buy an extra piece of carpeting and cover the landing separately.

Stairways that wind, so one end of a tread is narrower than the other, are slightly more difficult to handle. The carpeting tends to bunch up on the inside of the curve. Easiest way out is to gather the excess carpet near the bottom of each riser, lap it over, and tack it down. Uniformly done, the extra folds will look like a pattern.

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1. Marking. Before carpeting, clean treads and risers, and remove tacks. Eliminate squeaks with three 8-penny nails driven through tread into the riser beneath. Mark treads with chalk. Measure carefully; runners are about 27 inches wide

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yourself

By Neil W. Mold

3. Starting runner. Begin laying carpeting at top landing. Tack top edge securely. Then roll runner down the steps. Working from top down, put four tacks into each corner where a tread meets a riser, two into the riser first, then two into tread. Pull carpet tight before tacking, and line it up

4. Handling fold-under. At the bottom, fold under the extra 6 inches of carpeting, and drive tacks 3 inches apart across bottom of riser. When carpeting shows wear, reverse runner. Extra length goes to top, placing worn spots on risers

5. Finishing touch. To complete job, go back to the top and work down, tacking across bottom of each riser. Space tacks 3 inches apart. This prevents carpeting from working back and forth across treads. But don't drive tacks into the edge of treads; it destroys the waterfall effect and may cause rips

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than are learned at the zoo. Out here, Mary and Janie and Bill can see our neighbor's new-born calf on wobbly legs and watch mother hen with her flock of chicks. We've had memorable pets. There was Satan, the crow, and a black-masked raccoon. We had a skunk (partly deodorized) named for a local political figure, and a heifer called Rubbernose. In a nearby field, the children run races with two young colts.

Our land, too, is important; the good earth is a fine thing with which to become acquainted. Corn, hay, oats, and barley—no animal on two legs or four can live without one of these. Janie and Bill watch the great threshing machine with round eyes. They learn the difference between wheat and the chaff. They see firsthand the farmer's unending combat with pest and destroyer. They know something of the uncertainty of his life, in which one season's drought can keep him from having electricity in his house or a new stove or a bathroom. They know it takes a strong, patient, level-headed, smart man to be a good farmer.

Even more satisfying than the growth of the soil, we have found a new, vital family relationship. "Living in the country has been good for our marriage," says my husband, unaware that he echoes observations of the experts. Agricultural society usually produces a sound family unit. The country woman or farmer's wife refers to her husband as "my man." In that title she implies a degree of emotional dependence and pride in him that a city woman either does not feel or, at least, does not so admit.

Bonds of loyalty and affection are strengthened, too, where challenges must be met. A country home provides these to parents and children. We give emergency treatment to the dog's injured paw, repair the barn floor for a dance, and do all our own landscaping. Country children and parents are less inclined to scatter their energies far and wide, disintegrating into that frightening phenomena which sociologists have labeled "the atomistic family."

Even the physical isolation of country living accents family mutuality. The country club and the bridge club lose their importance in proportion to your distance from them. The faraway whistle of trains and the night wind seem to increase our need for human companionship under our own roof. Though family quarrels may be sharper, they occur less often, and affection burns with a steadier, hotter flame. Perhaps these are reasons why divorce rates and juvenile delinquency are low R.F.D.

To be sure, there are days when one wants more than aesthetic and emotional satisfactions, days when thick steak is preferred to poetry and cash in the bank to a noble view. For such moments the country had better present practical attractions: rewards like golden sweet corn, jewel-like strawberries moving from garden to table or from garden to freezer in record time and at a fraction of their grocery-store cost. Though our income is slightly above the so-called average American's, who is spending one-third of his earnings for food, it is very satisfying to buy from our neighbor, at less than city cost, authentically fresh eggs and cream that whips. We know many city-employed people who have also added to their incomes by raising profitable honeybees, chickens, guineas, berries, and even beef cattle. There's where your thick steaks come in! Bushels of bulletins from the Department of Agriculture and county agents tell us how to grow everything from apples to asparagus, and grapes to goslings with profit and satisfaction.

Our farm includes 90 acres, some of which is worthless (?) scenery. We could get more money from our land, but because we own no machinery and have less ambition than most part-time farmers, we merely share-lease our level acreage. Even in a poor year, however, the productive acres pay taxes on the whole 90 and buy a new radio-phonograph or a pleasant vacation to boot. These profits are taken from land which simply lies outdoors, acres which work for us without our giving them one hour's real labor and not so many hours bookkeeping. For the city worker who has neither time nor tractors, it's a nice arrangement.

Another chapter could, of course, be written on the *pitfalls* of part-time farmering: Nature sometimes forgets she's a mother. Winter storms bring crises that the city dweller knows nothing about. Mechanical emergencies involving water pipes and furnaces dismay the unwary, and let you know why most farmers keep well-stocked repair shops, and a wood stove in the kitchen.

Remodeling a dwelling built in 1860 or even 1925 can be costly and disheartening. You may wade through broken plaster for weeks after the living-room furniture should have been standing on the new carpet. And an old house with its skeleton showing is not a pretty sight. The daily cost of traveling from home to city employment is higher, and the telephone bill is higher. Even the mink pelt that you sell for $5 may have cost $20 to raise.

But too many funny stories have already been written testifying to the sad lot of city mice trying to make like their corn-fed cousins. Most of their troubles could be avoided, we found, and the rest overcome with less pain. More important, in our thinking, than government bulletins or the architect's plans were a certain set of

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told of a man who was arrested for drunken driving. He didn't have a mere 20-odd previous offenses marked against him, like Margaret Mitchell's killer, but 54! They even included such off-the-highway trifles as incest and attempted rape. But before the commissioner had a chance to rule him off the roads, an influential legislator called up.

There was a long argument about it, including such questions as "What's his private life got to do with his driving?" and in the end, well, he kept on driving.

"What else could I do?" the commissioner asked me. "Insist on revoking his license and get myself fired?"

In another state, where the head of the Highway Patrol had been more insistent on doing what he considered the right thing, he was replaced by a politically subservient hanger-on who had himself been convicted of drunken driving earlier.

Have you any reason to be sure that in your own city or state conditions are better than that?

In a prosperous Eastern town that prides itself on its accident-prevention squad, a rookie motor cop told me of his first day's work. He took to court an indignant speeder who had been splitting the main street traffic at 40 miles an hour. And for it he nearly lost his chance to stay on the force.

"After this," he was told when the speeder had been sent on his way with profuse apologies, "don't be jackass enough to arrest the wrong people!"

If that had been merely an exceptional incident which doesn't picture the true state of affairs, it would be one thing. But it's not. There is hardly a traffic jurisdiction in the whole United States where, at one time or another, and in one way or another, it isn't duplicated. In Greenwich, Connecticut, a soldier on leave kissed his girl friend while he was driving along the Boston Post Road and killed a middle-aged woman. He was fined 30 dollars. In one District of Columbia case, a driver ran onto a safety platform, killed two people, and injured four others. He didn't even pay a fine. The case never came to court.

A study of 905 drivers responsible for fatal accidents showed that only 28 were sent to jail and only 95 even paid fines. The other 782—roughly four out of five—went scot free.

You may, of course, be yourself one of the countless drivers let off with a sharp slap on the wrist after killing someone—but you're far, far more likely to be the victim of such a driver!

There are many ways of helping offenders escape penalty for bad driving. Politicians like to do favors for their friends, and hate to turn them into enemies by refusing to help. A small mistake can be made in copying a name or license number on a court summons, and the violator is never called to account. The time of the trial may be changed, without any notice of the change going to the officer who is to appear. There are dozens of tricks by which traffic justice can be thwarted.

Occasionally, in a particular state or town or city, conditions get so bad that public indignation flares up temporarily, and there is a cleanup. In Chicago, during the thirties, at least 150,000 warrants for arrest were conveniently lost annually. Then came a cleanup. Before long, though, things began to slip back. In one Midwest traffic court, one or more wastebaskets full of "fixed tickets" were carted out each day. There, too, there was a cleanup, and things were better for a while.

One man paid an average fine of $1.75 on 12 different traffic offenses. Finally, with a great show of indignation, he was fined $50 and his license to drive was revoked. Then, after the regular session of court was adjourned, sentence was suspended. His license wasn't revoked after all.

Reduction of the charge is another device. A driver crashed into boulevard traffic and smashed two cars. Highway result: Two deaths and several injuries. Court result: He was charged with "failing to stop at a stop sign," and fined $5.

Because you don't *start out* to kill anyone, traffic-court judges are accustomed to being lenient with you. They don't want to see you go to jail. In Michigan, a driver came over the top of a hill too fast and killed some pigs that were crossing the road. He was arrested and fined and had to pay for the pigs. Another driver came over the top of the same hill, same speed, and killed two school children whose father had owned the pigs. Same sheriff, same court, but what to do? No fine, no license suspension. Merely another "unavoidable accident."

In many jurisdictions a record of arrests and convictions that seems good is made by bearing down on unfortunate violators who have no friend at court. I was told recently of a poor Mexican whose daughter was killed by a reckless driver. He found that the driver who killed her was allowed to keep on harrying the road, "on

Family car agreements

When a driver under 21 years of age appears in the Greenwich (Connecticut) Town Court, the judge asks the violator to return with his or her father. In the privacy of his chambers, the judge discusses the offense and gives each an opportunity to sign a "contract" governing the use of the family car. The judge then imposes a fine and suspends it subject to the provisions of the "contract."

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appeal." Yet the father had lost his own license for inadvertently running past a red light on an empty street. He didn't even know that he had the right to appeal, and wouldn't have felt he could afford it, or that there was any use in doing it, if he had.

If she had been *your* daughter, how would *you* have felt?

All these incidents point up two startling facts, which would be almost breath-stopping if we didn't take them both for granted.

First, we allow practically anyone to drive deadly two-ton projectiles that can hurtle along at 40 or 60 or 80 miles an hour and that can crush you like an eggshell if they ever happen to back slowly together when you are between them.

Second, after giving permission to all these drivers to operate their cars on public roads, *we hesitate to take their permits away even after they violate laws and kill people.*

Let's take up that first point first.

Unsafe driving is today almost universal. Few drivers, except professional long-haul truckers, have ever learned to drive with any high degree of skill. Four drivers out of 10, today, are self-taught. Three more were taught to drive by a friend. Two more were taught by a relative. Only 1 in 10 was even taught by an auto salesman, or went to a so-called "driving school," where the aim was to help you pass an easy driving test. Not 1 driver in 20 has ever had really adequate instruction in traffic hazards and safe driving. This fact shows up, horribly, in the accident totals. It concerns you and your family directly. Six out of every 10 drivers involved in fatal accidents considered themselves, up to that moment, like yourself, "safe" drivers. They had never been in any serious accidents before. *They just didn't know what good, safe driving really means.*

But that's only a starter.

Of approximately 50,000,000 licensed drivers in the country today, about one-half never took any driving test at all.

Idaho, Kansas, and Missouri give no driving test whatever. South Dakota doesn't even require a driver's license. In many other states, driving tests are still a comparatively recent innovation. Five states require no regular examination on rules of the road. A number of states give no tests as to whether or not new drivers understand road signs. Four states require no test whatever of vision for new drivers. At least a dozen states license drivers with defective vision without requiring glasses.

Gradually, over the years, driver's license laws have been enacted and then strengthened. Once such a law has gone on the books, it has been found so valuable that not one has ever yet been repealed. But, even today, no single state yet tests drivers adequately before giving them a license. No state yet dares give new drivers a full road test at the 50 and 60 mile speeds they will be allowed to use; it would kill too many examiners. Even today the states that are most proud of their "strict" and "standard" driver examinations are content to give a superficial 20-minute road test, usually for a few blocks on quiet residential streets at low speeds.

So now we come to the second thing that makes the result of allowing almost everybody to drive, even at skull-shattering speeds, so much, much worse:

Hardly more than a futile gesture, as yet, is made to check the bad actors and see that they either improve their dangerous driving or get off the roads.

In more than three-fourths of all traffic accidents, one or more drivers are found to be violating a law. (According to the common law, from which most of our American law has developed, if you happen to kill someone while you are breaking a law, you are regarded as having the legal "intent" to commit murder.)

Moreover: Regular violators of traffic laws and "accident-prone" drivers who get into repeated smashups are responsible for far more than their due share of highway deaths and injuries. You may be a relatively "safe" driver.

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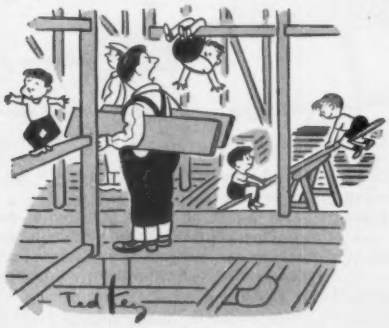

"Look, fellas . . ."

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By Walter Adams

Last May I trailed a painter around outside our house, picked at the peeling paint when he picked, squinted at the eaves when he squinted.

"Three-seventy-five," he said, finally. "Two coats."

Now, if I paid $375, there went the two weeks we had been counting on in Idaho, our first respectable family vacation in four years. I wanted that vacation. "I'll paint it myself," I said.

The upshot of it was that I did, and *Better Homes & Gardens* sent a photographer out to watch me and show you how, so that you, too, can have, instead of a painter's bill, something you really want.

Note: Fall is the best season to paint in. No rain, no heat.

1 First comes the unfun part—cleaning up. Scrape and wire-brush off dirt, bugs, cracked and peeling paint, for new paint won't last if everything underneath isn't smooth, dry, tight. Old paint cracked like alligator hide must be removed with a chemical remover.

2 After scraping, sand paint edges level. Peeling paint is common on insulated walls that don't also have a good vapor barrier in them. In winter, moisture in the warm house passes into the cold wall, condenses, later soaks through the siding and swells paint off.

3 Recalk joints around the chimney and around window and door-frames in brick walls. (Paint and hardware stores rent calking guns at 50 cents a day, show you how to use them.) Idea is to get the calking compound into the crack, not piled up or spread out over it.

4 A gallon of paint covers 600-700 square feet. To figure area to be painted, multiply distance around house by height to eaves, add area of gable ends (to figure gable ends, multiply width by half the height). For height, measure one board, multiply by number of boards.

5 Good brushes hold more paint, make job pleasant. For walls: 4" brush choked with long bristles—$10 to $15. For windows and tight spots in trim: 2½" brush. If you have many windows, get a sash brush. Suspend brushes in linseed oil for a day before putting them into paint; they'll be easier to clean.

6 To mix paint, pour off oil, stir pigment, pour third of oil back, stir, pour in another third, stir, and so on; then pour from one can to other half-dozen times. If old paint on house is tight, one coat every four years gives clean, crisp job. If paint has cracked, if bare spots show, use two coats.

7 Carry scraping knife and stiff-bristled duster in your hip pocket as you paint; dust away chalked paint, dirt, and pollen just before painting. Paint only when temperature is going to stay above 55, and below 90, only when wood and surface are thoroughly dry, else paint won't stick long.

8 Dip brush only half the bristle length. Deeper dipping makes the brush messy. To remove excess paint, slap brush lightly against inside of bucket. To avoid lap marks and drips, start painting at highest point and work a 3-foot deep band across house; then drop down and paint another band across.

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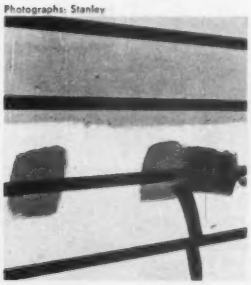
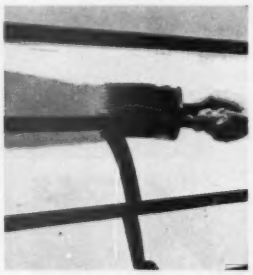
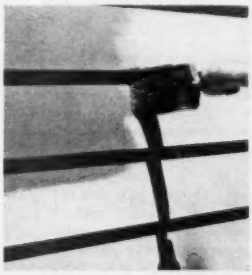


9 Don't flow paint on, but brush it out well in a uniform coat. Easiest way to get a uniform spread is to lay brush load on in two or three spots rather than one, then brush. Grip brush lightly, paint with end and not sides, and with no more than half the length of the bristles.



10 Paint clapboard edges first, then the flat between. Always use brush flat, not edgewise, even when painting underedge of siding. Painting edgewise wears bristles short on corners, results in streaky job. Don't poke paint into corners with good brush. Use small one.



11 After brushing paint out, finish up with sweeping strokes, using only tips of bristles and lifting brush gradually to feather-edge out thin. Allow at least three days good drying time between coats. If undercoat is soft, paint may wrinkle, crack like an alligator's hide.

12 To keep brush from drying out for an hour or two, fold aluminum foil around it. To keep it overnight, hang it in linseed oil. Don't stand it on its bristles, nor in water. When house is finished, wash brush in brush cleaner, then soap and water, and wrap it in paper.

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13 When painting from a ladder, paint above it, for you can reach both ways. Stand your ladder so that the distance from its bottom end to the wall is one-fourth its height. Don't climb with mud on your shoes. And when you can't hang on with a hand, hook one leg through the ladder and around one rung, as shown.

14 Good way to get safe footing on your roof when painting dormers is to pull a section of your ladder up on the roof and secure it there with ropes tied to something on the other side of the house. Or if your ladder is long enough, the clamps that hold the extension section can be hooked over the ridge.

15 It took me a long time to learn that a paint bucket hung *outside* the ladder rail was easier to get at than one hung *between* the rails. My 7-year-old told me. Make your S-hook by twisting up a wire coat hanger. On a good drying day, paint in your bucket may thicken a bit. Add a little turpentine to return it to its original body.

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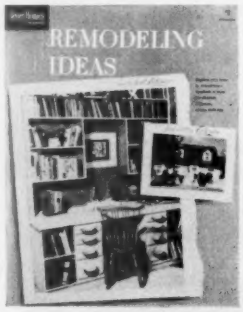

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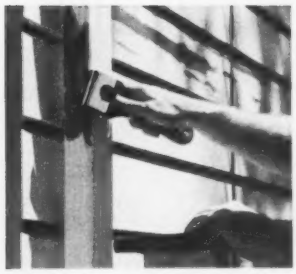
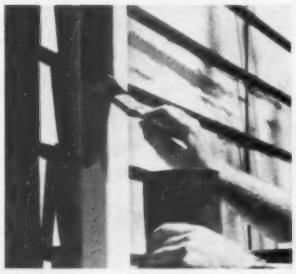
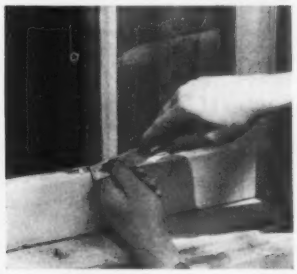


16 Paint doesn't stick well to galvanized surfaces unless they are allowed to weather, unpainted, for 6 months, or are roughened by wetting with 1 ounce each of blue vitriol and muriatic acid in a quart of water, then rubbed with steel wool. An end scraper works better than a blade where paint is cracked but not peeling.

17 Peeled spots usually have weathered sufficiently without further treatment. Paint the inside of galvanized gutters and prime bare spots with red lead. It's a good all-purpose protective paint for any metal around the house that will rust. After it has dried four days or more, you can second-coat it with regular paint.





18 If house trim is painted a different color, paint it after the body of the house is finished. Break cracked or loose putty out of window sash. Before reputtying, paint all unpainted spots with priming paint and let dry; else bare wood will absorb oil from putty and putty will loosen. Let putty dry before painting over it.

19 Use glaziers' putty only on window sash. Pack cracks in wood (after putting on the priming coat of paint) with white-lead putty (2 parts white-lead paste, 1 part whiting, both from paint stores). Danger spots especially to examine are sills, thresholds, edges of eaves, bases of pillars, joints in doors and windows.

20 Before painting, plane off sticking doors, pull sagging screen doors up with diagonal turnbuckles. Knots in wood sometimes "bleed" through paint because oil in paint dissolves substances in the knots. Remedy: Shellac the knots. To estimate paint needed for trim, figure one-fifth the amount used for body of house.

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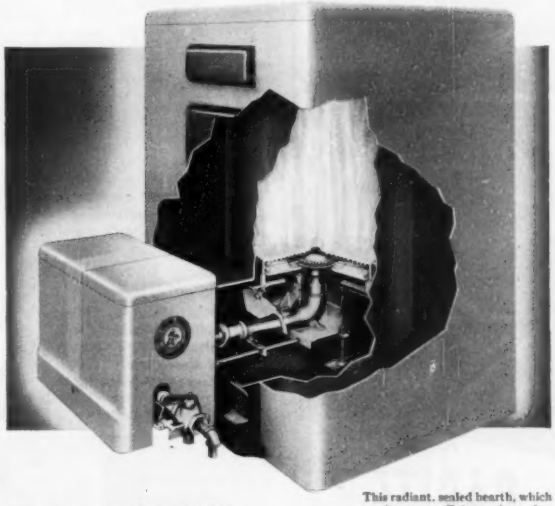

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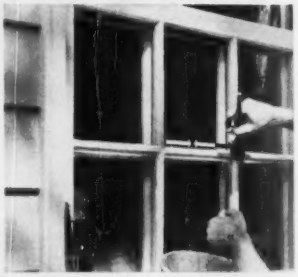
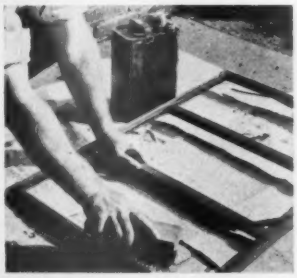


21 When you paint windows, paint muntins first, painting from the end to the center of each and getting a paint seal between putty and glass so rain cannot soak in. Then paint the outside of the sash, then the frame, and the sill last. After paint has dried an hour or two, move sash up and down, so it won't dry stuck tight.



22 To keep metal in basement windows from rusting out, scrub off the dirt and rust with your wire brush, finish cleaning off the rust with steel wool soaked in turpentine. Paint the clean metal with red lead; follow up with any color of paint you want. Remember: Paint applied over rust won't stick.

23 Masonry can be painted with oil or cement-base paints. Cement paints are easier to put on. To paint with cement-base paints, wire-brush loose paint and dirt off (remove old oil-paint coatings with caustic soda solution), wet the surface, paint. After paint has set so it won't wash off, spray it twice in first day to keep it from drying too fast.

24 Painting from a plank between two stepladders is more comfortable than from a ladder, and faster. Plank can be suspended between extension ladders too, on ladder jacks that hang from the rungs and cost about $5 each; but working from a nice, solid ladder is more soothing.

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25 If siding is loose or cupped, fill cracks with white-lead paste (or a bit of the heaviest pigment from bottom of a can of unmixed paint); drill holes to prevent splitting; renail siding tight to 2x4s underneath.

Mistakes; vapor; blowtorch

• Don't paint after a rain until the wood has thoroughly dried; paint will blister.

• Don't paint in hot sun if you can paint in shade. Paint doesn't spread well on a hot surface.

• Don't put on a second coat until first has dried 72 hours in dry weather. An unhardened undercoat shrinks when it does dry, later cracks.

• Don't paint if the temperature is likely to drop below 55. The pigment may later wash away.

• If your paint has blistered and peeled because your walls lack a vapor barrier, don't expect your new paint to stay on any better than the old did unless you block the vapor. Here's what happens: In tight, insulated walls, the inward side of the insulation is warm, the outer side is much colder, and the moisture in the air from inside the house condenses in the wall the way your warm breath does on a cold windshield. Come warmer weather, it melts, soaks through the siding, blisters the paint off. If no vapor barrier was built into your walls when your house was built, you can add one with pretty good success by painting all interior walls—inside cupboards, closets, utility rooms, and all—with aluminum paint or two coats of wall primer and sealer, then covering this with the regular finish paint or paper.

• If you try to remove old paint with a blowtorch, don't try to burn it off or to soften the whole coating at once. Instead, soften only the surface layer and scrape this off; then repeat until you are down to the wood. Direct the flame against the surface not head on but from the side and top, and keep the torch moving continually. Better yet, use a chemical remover.

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Because television is so new, it has become the scapegoat for a lot of child-raising problems. If your boy or girl throws a tantrum when you call him away from the set, don't blame television. Tantrums are a sign that tension already exists in a family. The television set has merely become a new target for disputes.

The worst accusation leveled at television is that it is a *passive* activity. A grade-school principal in a New York suburb put it this way: "Radio and the movies have made us a nation of onlookers; television is making us even more that way. Help your children develop skills and hobbies. Here, TV can even *help*—puppets on the screen, for instance, may inspire your children to start designing their own."

When you should worry is when a youngster shows *no* interest in friends or playing outdoors, but sits in front of the TV set for hours, letting the entertainment wash over him as he escapes into a fantasy world. Something much deeper than television is wrong with such a child's life. His parents should discover what it is.

Aside from how to regulate listening, you're probably wondering about these questions too:

"Will TV hurt my child's eyes?"

So far, there's no proof that it will. Eye Specialist Edward M. Gresser told us that the current furor "reminds me of what they said about the early days of the movies. No harm resulted then."

However, Dr. Franklin Foote, executive director of the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, suggests these precautions:

Don't watch in a completely darkened room, but leave a dim light on.

Sit 6 to 8 feet from sets with a 10- to 12-inch tube.

Sit in front, preferably, and have the screen at eye level.

Tune in as clear a picture as possible.

"Will TV ruin my child's taste?"

Undoubtedly your child will watch some programs that aren't exactly highbrow. Don't worry. All children go through the poor-taste stage. (Remember some of the trash you read?) They will come out of it if, at the same time, they are exposed to other influences. After the novelty of your set wears off, encourage your children to select the worthwhile programs.

When viewing time is budgeted either through rules or the child's own sense of responsibility, most children learn to discard the worst and favor the best.

"Are Westerns bad?"

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Christmas or a birthday, a third in the hand. "Hmmm, television fosters aggressive behavior," we muttered. We were wrong.

"For years," a school principal told us, "I have watched children go through the gang stage and play cops or cowboys or soldiers. First we blamed it on the radio, then on the war, and now on television. It's a perfectly natural stage of growing up."

Even parents who could take Westerns in stride were worried about TV's increasingly numerous and bloody horror programs. The child psychologists we talked to all agreed:

If your child is under 6, he should be kept on a bland diet of puppets, gay comic films, and circus scenes. Horror is not likely to *produce* anxieties in children over 6. It will, however, *intensify* them in a youngster who is already nervous.

If your child sleeps poorly after horror programs, you should certainly cut down on them, particularly before bedtime. If he craves corpses, yet still gets gooseflesh, it might be wise to consult your doctor. There is even some evidence that for well-adjusted children, horror programs may perform a valuable service: They may help a youngster to blow off aggressive steam or learn to pooh-pooh fear.

If a child is *too* fascinated by horror programs, George Bryant, superintendent of schools at Roslyn, New York, suggests that you take him to a television studio to see how a horror program is produced. Once he has seen how artificially blood and thunder are created, they may lose some of their morbid fascination for him.

Since some children *are* scared by these programs, while others identify themselves with the characters, broadcasters do have a responsibility to limit corpses and the flow of blood. They have a responsibility to make sure that crime never pays and to cut out action that might be imitated—actions such as putting ground glass in the food or using a silk screen to deflect a bullet.

Aside from horror, even the best programs occasionally show dangerous actions. In one of the most beloved of children's shows, the leading character climbed into the bathtub wearing earphones. Another time he helped his gang light a fire in the middle of the living room.

Broadcasters are sensitive to your reactions. One producer told us how he waited at the studio for audience reaction after a telecast featuring a vampire. You may not want to bother writing; just pick up your phone and call the station if there is something objectionable.

"*What about eating in front of a television set?*"

One pediatrician put it this way: "I don't want children eating in a night-club atmosphere." As a practical proposition, some mothers permit dessert before the screen as a treat. One, who has the situation well under control, admits that her whole family enjoys taking their trays before the set on Thursday and Sunday evenings.

On the positive side, most educators agree that television is potentially the most powerful educational instrument yet devised, because it combines sight and sound and does so in the intimate atmosphere of the home.

"The laws of learning are based on interest," School Superintendent Bryant explained. "The theory that a program should *either* educate or entertain is all wrong. To be really educational, a program must entertain."

A fine example of the combination is CBS' "Chuck Wagon." The bulk of the show is the usual clatter-of-hoofs Western film. But to provide something of real value for young viewers, "Sheriff" Bob Dixon gives a 15-minute talk on Western lore—how to interpret weather symptoms, saddle a pony, make a lariat and a bedroll, and other tricks of outdoor life.

Dramatizations of dull school classics, through which the child frequently plods, come alive in a single session. Wouldn't you have enjoyed *seeing* Ivanhoe win the tournament in disguise? And seeing a play need not stifle a child's reading if you will suggest that he might enjoy something else by the same author.

"Television can't afford to teach fourth-grade arithmetic," said Charles Underhill, program manager for CBS, "but it can teach a lot by indirection." A program like "Mama," which shows the solidarity of family life, is lots more powerful than a lecture.

Seeing important news-happenings, watching, listening to (and unconsciously evaluating) the important people of our day—this is an education for any child. Documentary films are another excellent teaching medium.

After a survey at Burdic Junior High School in Stamford, Connecticut, showed that students from TV homes spent four hours a day at their sets, the National Broadcasting Company started a special Sunday afternoon series of telecasts, "Watch the World," designed to further the work of the elementary and high schools. It has been hailed by educators and civic groups. If its young audience likes it as well, other networks will undoubtedly follow its lead. Eventually, television will be used in the schools themselves.

If you, as a parent, want better television, you should do two things: Protest the bad programs—those overloaded with vulgarity, slang, double entendres, criminal allusions, and bodily references—and let the telecasters know which ones you think are good. Television is still an infant, and you have the chance to shape its future.

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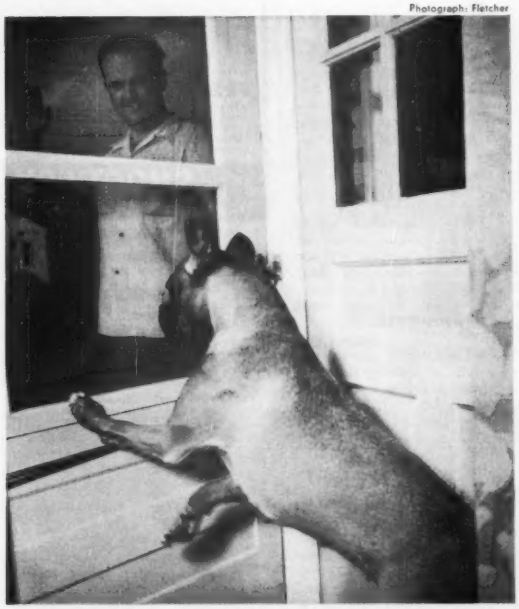

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By Russell K. Lowry

We are trying to train our dog to be a watchdog, and she barks when she hears someone at the door. But she backs away when the stranger enters. She's a mixture of Cocker Spaniel and Wire-haired Terrier—S. L., New York.

The word "watchdog" is much abused and misunderstood. All *any* dog should be expected to do is to sound an alarm. Small breeds, seeming to realize their physical limitations, can seldom be taught to attack. Boxers, Doberman Pinschers, German Shepherds can be made "vicious" through training. With a few exceptions, these were the only breeds who made the grade as War Dogs. The rest didn't have the required temperament or attacking power.

My Collie pup has chewed up every leash and collar I've bought. I'm going broke. What's the remedy?—Miss S. L., Rhode Island.

The only solution is to get a chain choke collar and a chain leash.

We want to get a puppy, preferably a Cocker Spaniel, to grow up with our 2-year-old boy. Which is best, a male or female?—S. C. H., Tennessee.

I don't think it will make any difference. In any breed, male and female are alike in all desirable traits such as temperament, brains, devotion. Pick the pup you like and which seems to like you.

When a female is whelping, is it necessary that she eat the afterbirth?—Mrs. A. S., Illinois.

Most breeders and veterinarians say the female should eat the afterbirth. They believe it contains valuable minerals which find their way into the milk supply. But if your female doesn't do it voluntarily, don't try to force her.

A friend warned me against feeding eggs to my dog. Yet, others say eggs are fine for dogs. Who is right?—A. J. V., Pennsylvania.

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My Cocker Spaniel recently developed a throat stricture which the veterinarian relieved by passing tubes. Will this come back and have to be cut out eventually?—Mrs. V. K. E., Missouri.

A stricture of the throat is an effect, not a cause. Many things can produce the condition, commonest being goiter. Others are Hodgkins Disease (or other glandular enlargements), infections by bronchitis or from imbedded foreign objects such as needles, thorns, splinters, and so on. Best bet is X-ray examination, which should reveal the real cause.

Our female Chihuahua has a brownish discoloring of the teeth at the gums, and nearly all her teeth are loose. Her mouth odor is very bad. Two years ago she had a severe attack of distemper. Can the dental trouble be caused by this?—N. S., California.

Yes, the distemper caused the discoloration by ruining the protective enamel. Loose teeth mean that infection has probably set in. This is also indicated by the bad breath. Chances are a dog dentist will have to pull the infected teeth. Afterward, feed soft foods such as moistened cereals, soups, gruels, soft-cooked egg yolks, ground hamburger, and the like.

You recently commented that no American company wrote insurance policies on dogs. But a friend insists a company now writes such insurance. Who is right?—F. C. K., New York.

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Our dog sleeps in the basement at night, and once a week or so, he soils the floor. Can you advise how to break this habit?—I. B., Ohio.

If your dog messes up the basement only once a week, you're lucky. Usually, these basement performers do it every night—and then some. It's hard to deal with, as all bad habits must be corrected right at the time of the misdeed, not afterward. All you can do is tie the dog in the kitchen, rushing him outdoors on a leash first thing each morning. This starts up new thinking, a fresh habit. Above all, bar the dog from the basement henceforth, as he'll remember the basement floor as an old friend for some time to come.

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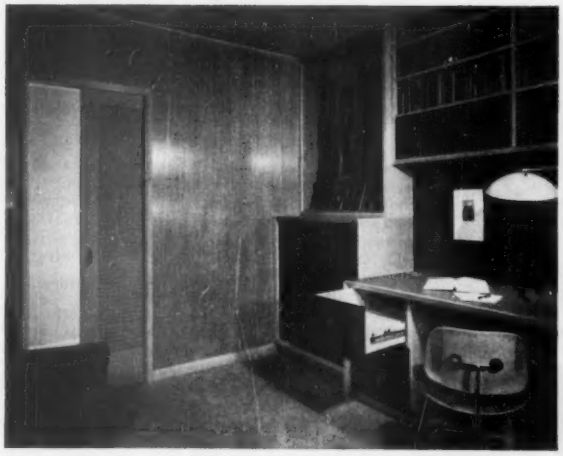
By Elizabeth Gilrain

Before

This 12x10-foot bedroom is large enough for dual use as a study—but not if all the wall space is wasted, as it is here

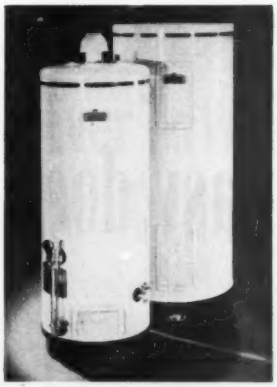
After

Built-ins designed by Architect Harold B. Zook brought order and attractiveness. This wall holds chest of drawers, glass-doored gun case, desk, adjustable shelves. Frames are bleached oak; drawer fronts are dark walnut. This same wall above the desk is covered with brown cork, to which notes and clippings can be thumbtacked. The owner is Builder Evald Moller, Altadena, California



After

Top drawer of desk is designed to hold a large dictionary. Cut-out side makes it possible to look up words without moving the book. Sliding, louvered door at the left replaces a swinging door that wasted floor space. Decorator Guy Brink was able to fit a new brown lounge chair into the corner space saved by the sliding door. End wall is paneled in bleached oak to harmonize with the casework of built-ins



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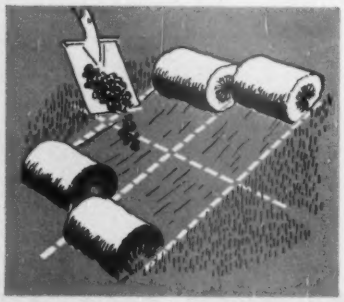
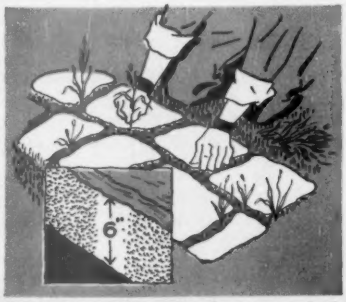


Level lawn depression. Cut through sod down the middle of lawn depression, then crosswise in foot-wide strips. Peel back; fill; level; roll back; firm

William Heard, Des Moines, Iowa



Set stage for quick weeding. Lay stone or brick walks on about six inches of sand or cinders. Any weeds rooted in this will pull easier than in soil

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September Garden Guide

South

Plant peonies and spring-flowering bulbs as soon as possible. Buds on peony division should be close to surface of soil—about one inch.

Mulch and feed dahlias and mums now. Water well for best display of bloom.

Move flowering perennial and biennial seedlings to spots you want them to bloom in the border.

Rejuvenate scraggly-looking annuals by cutting plants back more than halfway. Feed and keep them watered.

Start hardy annuals in garden in Lower South, in coldframe elsewhere.

Sow ryegrass for winter lawns; start bluegrass lawns in Upper and Middle South.

Central—East

Spray or dust roses regularly to avoid severe injury from black spot disease during warm, rainy nights; mildew also can be bad this month. Keeping foliage clean up until frost will help bring plants through the winter—plants will be stronger.

Divide and reset bleedingheart; allow at least one bud to each division of root transplanted. Handle roots with care—they are brittle.

Feed lawns now with a complete plant food. Apply it when grass is dry and temperature is below 75 degrees. Water it in immediately with the hose.

Brace newly planted trees with guy wires; shrubs also need support to resist winter winds.

Texas—Southwest

Water azaleas and camellias well; they are forming their flower buds for next year's blooms. Feed roses now so they'll produce abundant fall bloom.

Plant iris late this month—both the bearded and bulbous kinds. Divide and transplant Shasta daisies, daylilies, and similar perennials late this month.

Start biennial flowers from seed after late-summer rains. Soak seeds before planting—they'll germinate faster.

Check all supports by tall-flowering plants and strengthen any weak ones.

Pacific Northwest

Water rhododendrons well if weather is dry; flower buds may drop off if dry. Avoid watering geraniums and fuchsias heavily after September 1, if firm, quick-to-root cuttings are wanted.

Dig and divide Oriental poppies and Christmas-roses as soon as their leaves turn brown. Divide pinks now, if you would like extra plants. Dig gladiolus bulbs as soon as the leaves have turned yellow.

California

Start resting tuberous begonias as soon as plants start to look shabby. Reduce water gradually, then turn pot on its side for several months.

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G. D. J., Tennessee

Stanley

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Q *I've read that tomatoes can be stored up until the holidays. How should they be stored to last so long?*
B. V. E., Illinois

Fletcher

You can have tomatoes from your garden for the holidays if fall doesn't arrive too early. Pick fruits when the first killing frost is predicted. Wrap each fruit in paper (above). Dark green fruits don't ripen—just light green ones. Tomatoes ripen more evenly in dark than light. Store at 50 degrees temperature.

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Fall is lawn-care time

Make a new lawn this way

Add humus to soil

Spread peat, leafmold, or other well-rotted plant material on area before plowing. Such humus loosens a clay soil, or makes a sandy soil better able to hold moisture. The poorer the soil, the more humus it needs. Don't use undecayed plant material; it robs soil of needed nitrogen.

Plow the lawn area

Next step is to plow the soil, loosening it to a depth of about six inches, and thoroughly mixing in the layer of humus. The soil should be well pulverized, either by discing and plowing, or by use of a power rotary cultivator. You'd better not try hand spading unless the area is very small.

Level the lawn area

With the soil loosened, you can do a little work with a shovel, filling in any hollows and leveling down bumps. Dragging a long, straight plank over the area will show up uneven places. Try to get a slight slope for drainage even on a flat lot; 3 or 4 inches fall in 50 feet is sufficient.

Feed and firm the soil

Now ad' balanced plant food. Amount you use will depend on type, so follow instructions. The seedbed now needs to settle since it is fluffy and full of air pockets. Once over with a roller is fine, if you have one. A good rain or two will settle the soil and dissolve the plant food.

Sow the grass seed

Rake the area again if necessary to level any hollows produced by settling. Then sow the seed at the rate recommended on the package. Use only good seed; cheap seed is a poor economy. After sowing the seed, rake the soil surface very lightly to mix seed into the top half inch or so.

Tamp the soil and keep it moist

Final step is to tamp soil to bring seed into close contact with moist earth. Don't roll soil more than once or it will become too packed. If you haven't a roller, use a tamper made of a flat board on the end of a pole. Water lightly if necessary to keep soil moist until grass is up.

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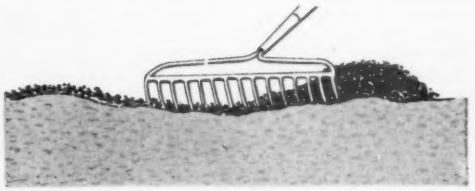
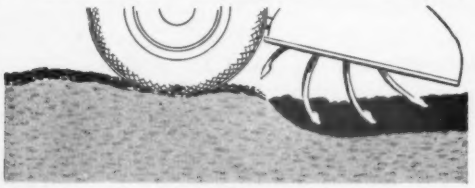
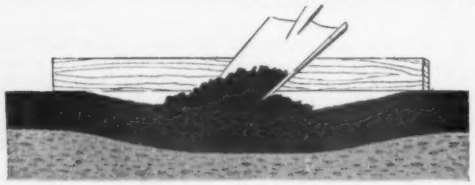
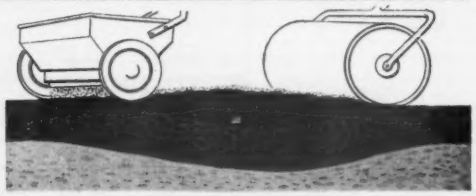
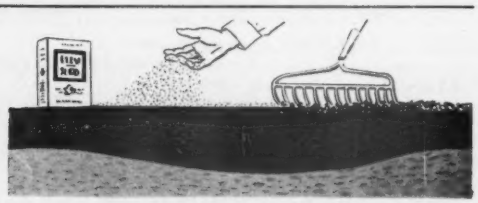
Fall is the best time to start a new lawn or repair an old one. Grasses grow better when soil is warm and weather is cool and moist. Here's the right way to do it











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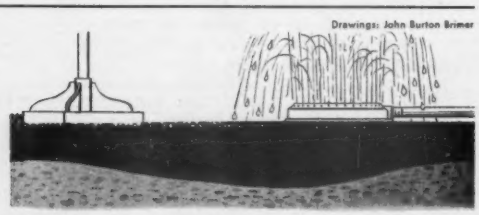

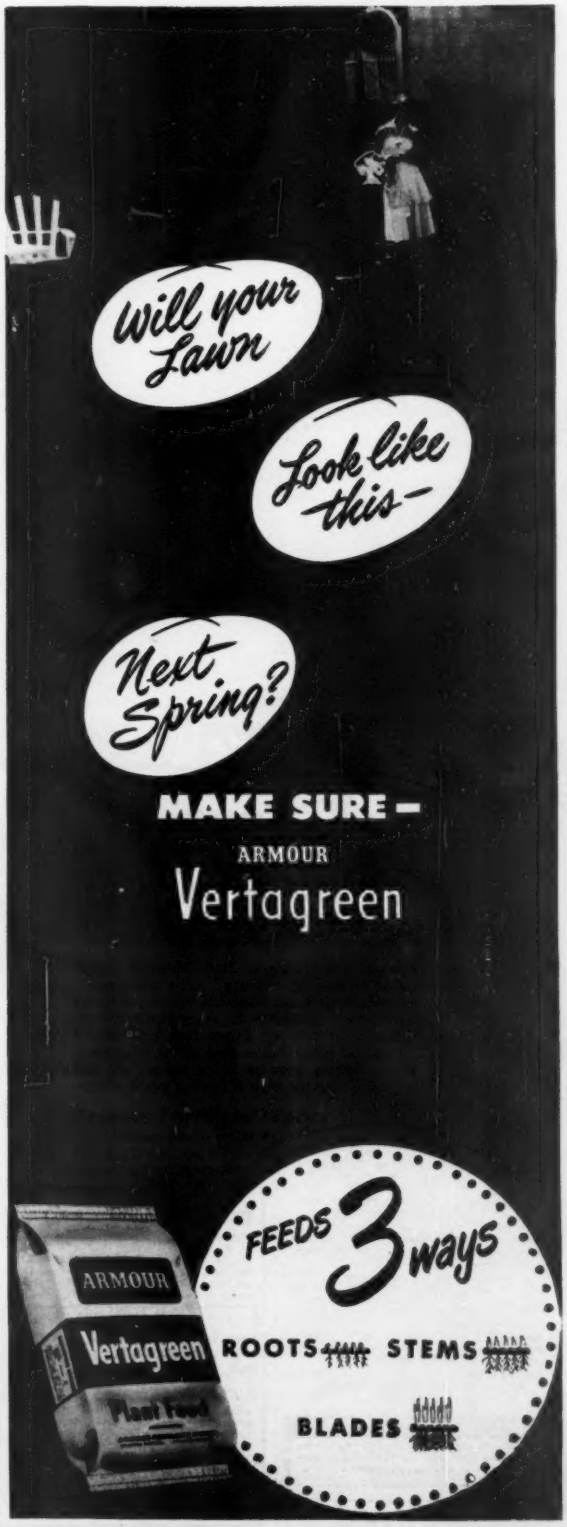

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Fall is lawn-care time

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Does your lawn need repairs?

Most sparse lawns are suffering from starvation. Only if the soil is poor will it be necessary to completely remake the lawn. When you feed your lawn, use a balanced plant food, apply evenly and at correct rates, and water it in.

When soil is no longer wet, scratch it lightly with a rake, and sow grass seed at rate recommended for an established lawn. Keep soil moist till new grass is up. Large, bare patches should be dug up and treated as for a new lawn. Packed area should be loosened.

Small hollows can be filled with good soil, provided it isn't spread more than one-half inch thick over existing grass. For deeper hollows, peel back the sod, fill the hollow with good soil, lay sod back again, and tamp down. Or spade up old turf in hollow completely, fill with soil, and plant grass seed as for a new lawn.

Things that make a good lawn

1. Feed your lawn liberally in fall, using a balanced plant food. No amount of seed will thicken a starved lawn.
2. Apply plant food when grass is dry, and water in well. Don't seed right after feeding; allow at least a week for plant food to dissolve in moist soil.
3. Don't sow seed too thickly. Follow recommended rates on package for both new and established lawns. Thick seeding will result in crowded, weak grass seedlings.
4. Apply both seed and plant food evenly, using a mechanical spreader if possible. See that spreader is set to apply correct amount of seed or plant food.
5. Don't let the soil dry out after seed germinates. Grass seedlings are delicate and will die if they dry out.

"Who giveth this woman?"

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Little pink girl in a tub, shining bright;
Little gay giggles when drying's begun;
Little white prayers wafting up through the night.

Little wet feet, how they tracked in the snow!
Little wool snowsuit that's hard to take off;
Little cold nose needing help with a blow;
Little hot head, and a feverish cough.

Little doll family, out for a ride;
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Dutch elm disease. The fungus causing Dutch elm disease is spread from tree to tree by elm beetles. The adult beetles emerge from beneath the bark of the tree and bring disease spores along with them. The spores rub off on healthy trees when the beetles feed in the crotches of young twigs. Thus, healthy elms are infected.

Dutch elm disease appears in two forms—acute and chronic. The acute form is recognized by sudden wilting. Young leaves wilt first; wilting may be so fast that leaves will curl and fall while they're still green. Ends may be curved into a shepherd's crook.

The chronic form is gradual and may take all season to complete loss of leaves. The whole tree may turn yellow or individual limbs turn yellow in contrast with the rest of the tree. Some infected trees may leaf out late in the spring with sparse, yellowish foliage. The fungus lives in the sapwood; a cut twig will show brown or black color in sapwood.

Everyone in communities should cooperate to destroy all freshly cut elms and prunings. Freshly cut elm wood is one of the major links in the spread of the disease. Elm bark beetles breed in cut elm wood; prompt burning may check a serious outbreak of the disease. Elms known to be resistant to the disease, such as the Buisman variety, should be planted. The United States Department of Agriculture is developing elm seedlings that show promise of resistance.

There is strong indication that American elms growing in alkaline soils are resistant to the disease. Folks don't seem to have a problem in Western areas where soils tend to be sweet. Although there seems to be no experimental evidence at this date, the disease might be kept down by spreading lime underneath the reach of the branches in acid-soil areas.

Elm necrosis. Elm necrosis is caused by a virus disease. The virus is spread by tiny leaf hoppers. American elms may be attacked at any age. An infected tree will show decline in health over a period of 1 to 1½ years, or there may be sudden wilting and death within a month. Scrape off the bark at the base of trunk—butterscotch appearance and wintergreen odor is a good way to be sure your elm has phloem necrosis. Resistant varieties are the answer to the problem.

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The diary of a plain dirt gardener

By Harry R. O'Brien

Maggie and I arrived home from our vacation. It was raining, but the boys came running out, anyway, as though they were glad to see us

Sept. 1 Back home this afternoon, after 2,800 miles and two weeks of vacation in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan for Maggie, along with more than divers business matters transacted by me as we traveled. It was raining, but Donald and David came running out to meet us as though they were glad to see us.

Betwixt rain and wet, I couldn't make much of an examination of things outdoors. I did tiptoe down one path to see some terrible details. Weeds are high in the roses, and there is plenty of black spot. But, all in all, things look pretty good.

The boys report that they have been gathering vegetables and giving them to our friends. Fallen apples from our Baldwin apple tree on the rear lawn have gone into sauce and pies of said friends.

David reports that once Scratch, the dog, ran away from home and came back all worn out, as though he had traveled miles and miles. Apparently the black pussy has a new family of kittens hidden out somewhere.

Sept. 5 I put on my old overalls and went forth tonight for a more detailed survey of our domain. First job was to gather the muskmelons. I found 16 ripe ones and carried them to the kitchen. I cut one open and ate it all up. It surely tasted good—ripe, mellow, and fragrant.

Back to the sweet corn. The second planting of late varieties is still good. And there are lots of fine tomatoes, although they need a little weeding.

With the annuals, the asters have seen their best days, but marigolds and zinnias are magnificent. There is some good bloom on the dahlias, but glads are about over. The bright and shining spot, though, is my mum bed, practically free of weeds, with the earlier varieties now in bloom.

By the way, I never pass judgment on a mum the same year that I buy it. After it has gone through a winter and I have set out my own divisions of it the next year, then I can get an idea of how it grows and its type of character.

More hard rain today, and ground was too wet for working. I suppose I could have mowed weeds with the scythe. But instead we went out to a Chinese restaurant for supper and had chow mein.

Sept. 6 First chore after work tonight was to get out the wheel hoe and cultivate the new bed of iris set out this summer. This is by now beginning to grow. Setting it in rows is not an artistic way to plant, but it enables me to give the iris the care it needs with the least possible effort. Frequent shallow cultivation now will keep weeds down and keep the iris growing.

In my two rows of dahlias over yonder, I went to work at pulling out the bigger weeds. As a matter of fact, the plants looked pretty good after that, for the weeds weren't as terrible as they had looked from a distance. I've had a good bit of bloom, and there will be more.

One reason I never grow many dahlias is that I have to be away so much in summer on business affairs, and you can't have good dahlias without giving them a good amount of your time. They need understanding and frequent, loving care.

Sept. 7 We've been garden visiting, Maggie and I, and we have seen some magnificent roses. It was the usual meeting of our men's rose club. But we made it a visit to the gardens of members Weaver and Berry, who live some distance away, and we took the wimmin folks along.

We met at Weaver's garden. He has perhaps 200 bushes in all. But he gives them super care. So they have magnificent growth and foliage. Hunt as hard as we could, we couldn't find any black spot to pin on him. It is a story of plant food, frequent spraying, and adequate watering. He has most of the newer varieties. He likes especially one of the 1950 All America hybrid teas, Capistrano. His plants of this were four feet high at least, and in good bloom.

Friend Berry lives over at Pleasantville. He has perhaps 75 to 100 plants. Here, too, was well-nigh perfect growth and freedom from disease. One plant of Peace had the largest bloom of this variety I have ever seen. It was as big as a double peony. He also had extra-good plants of Pinocchio, and his Floradora was much taller and more vigorous than I have ever grown it.

Sept. 8 After I got home from the office, I went forth in overalls. But I did almost no work. This was one of those days when I just felt like enjoying my garden. After all, why have one if you can't stop work once in a while to get some pleasure from it? But I did bring in sweet corn and ripe melons. Maggie made applesauce from our own dropped Baldwin apples.

Sept. 9 Strawberries came up as work chore this evening. I didn't set out a new bed last spring but will depend on carrying last year's bed through a second year. Shortly after picking time, David had renovated this with the garden tractor, making lanes down through the patch.

Plants are by now putting out a lot of new runners, and the patch is in thrifty shape—but weedy. So

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down on knees, I began to pull said weeds. I didn't finish, though they pulled readily, for the sad truth is that my knees will stand just so much punishment at one spell. I want the weeds pulled before I give the next cultivation.

Also, along with corn and squash for supper, I deposited two pumpkins in the kitchen as a gentle hint to Mrs. Maggie that the time of year is at hand for pumpkin pie. These were the little, brown summer pumpkins that make the best pies of all.

I planted a lot of different kinds of pumpkins in the corn this year. There are some as big as half-bushel baskets. If you see any of the neighborhood youngsters just ahead of October 30, tell them to stop by, and I'll outfit them for jack-o'-lanterns. Our own boys have long since outgrown such childish enterprise, but I can't get over the habit of growing a good supply for it.

David has put the sickle bar on the front end of the garden tractor, and he is mowing off the weeds at the back, including a big space between the rear of the vegetable patch and our ravine that has grown up to a variety of weeds and wild blackberries.

Down on my knees to weed the strawberries. But I didn't last long; my poor old knees can stand just so much

Sept. 10 There are some delicious pears and apples on two of the dwarf fruit trees I planted the other year. If I had given them better care, we might have had a big crop. But I'm pleased with them just as they are.

For several days now I've been peering around for a spot where I can put some more narcissus bulbs. I have a collection of newer varieties due to arrive one of these days, and then our local stores always expect me to drop in and pick out some. Wouldn't seem like a good fall business to them if I didn't. It is time to get the ground spaded up, if I can just decide where.

I was noticing the other day that Confederate violets have grown clear over the space where several years ago I planted a double row of narcissus in front of the shrubbery across the rear of the lawn. They furnish cheerful bloom in spring and in summer take over and crowd out weeds. Yet the narcissus come right up through them.

Sept. 21 Maybe you never noticed I've been gone, but I've been away on a business trip. Somewhat after dark, was back home tonight.

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cut a lot of early mums—said they had fallen down anyhow—and has them in vases all around the house.

Sept. 23 One comment of Maggie's should be set down as the news of today. She says that the colchicum, or autumn crocus, out under the bushes on the south side of the house, is in bloom.

"This is so pretty, why can't you buy some more bulbs and plant them this fall?" asks she. So mebbe I should. These don't cost much, and I'll bet the seed stores downtown have some in stock. Those in front have been there for years and years—probably 15 or more.

Sept. 24 Once again, our wedding anniversary is approaching, and there is a slight argument about it between Mrs. Maggie and me. I say it is the 27th, and she vows it is the 28th. I wonder who is right. Anyhow, I had a business trip off 65 miles north, and she went along for the buggy ride. As we drove back homeward, we listened to a football game at the local university. With 65,000 people from that game between us and downtown, where in other years we have gone for a dining-out celebration, we just postponed it.

Sept. 26 Took Maggie out for that anniversary dinner. But made a sad mistake and got her downtown too early. The big stores weren't closed yet. So I was guided firmly to the doors and inside one.

Then Maggie realized she had made a mistake. She should not have me along when she bought my present for her. So instead, I should buy her present for me. This was, to wit, a new winter bathrobe.

Now I already have the one that she bought for me when I was in the hospital for that operation about six years ago. It is still as warm and comfy as ever. I don't care that the left elbow is out and that I've burned a few holes in the front from sparks dropped from my pipe; and you can't see where the moths have been busy unless you have a snoopy mind. Well, anyhow, you know how it ended. What we bought was a gaudy plaid affair of wool.

I waded back in the weeds to get that big cauliflower for Maggie. It was a beauty—but, alas, it was the last one

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Sept. 27 For tonight's supper, Maggie gathered the last broccoli that I suppose we'll have. Most years we have plenty up to Thanksgiving and later, but this year it didn't last as long. I wandered out to work, but isn't it queer how soon it gets dark these days?

Sept. 28 "Will you bring in that big head of cauliflower?" called Maggie, as I ambled out a bit ahead of supper. I waded back in the weeds and sure enough, there was as fine a cauliflower as I ever grew. But, alas, it was the last one, too. Somehow I never did put out as many plants as I had intended. That's why there is that unplanted strip alongside the tomatoes.

Sept. 29 Good word for today is that a letter came, saying those narcissus bulbs I ordered are being shipped. These are the newer varieties that I selected at bloom time last spring. I still haven't figgered out the best place to plant them.

It has to be a permanent place, where they won't be disturbed for years. In fact, I want it to be so permanent that they will still be there when I'm not. Good narcissus—it's such a glorious flower and goes on through the years with no care nor trouble. Thus I pondered, as I got outdoors tonight and, with a freshly sharpened hoe, waded into the strawberry bed with vigorous licks.

Bad word is that it is supposed to frost tonight. Sky has cleared, the air stilled, and thermometer dropping fast. Former years, I used to scurry around and gather a lot of things. All I did tonight was go about the rose beds and cut an armload of opening buds.

"Here's a hundred dollars' worth of rose blooms," says I to Maggie as I dumped them on the kitchen table. "Goodness," says she as she turned from where she was peeling our miserable potatoes at the sink. I'll bet she had just been ready to growl about those potatoes.

Sept. 30 When I crawled out from under the covers and peered out the window, there was beautiful white stuff over much of outdoors. However, it wasn't so bad, as I learned toward night.

The gorgeous zinnias are gone, but mums, roses, and marigolds are not harmed. The dahlias aren't killed, though bloom is about done for. Tips of tomatoes are a bit black, but no harm done to the fruit.

The month is over, and hardly a dent made at the many chores that should be all finished up by now. But hasn't it been a lovely month? I enjoyed it, even if the work didn't get done.

Song of a 6-year-old

I wish I were my pussycat.
He doesn't wear galoshes.
He spits on his hands to clean
his face,
And eats before he washes.

—Caroline Sayre

Leaf-feeding has limitations

The new method of feeding nitrogen to plants by means of a leaf spray can't be depended on to supply all the nitrogen needs of a plant. Department of Agriculture research workers are finding that there is danger of burning the foliage unless some nitrogen comes through the roots in the usual way.

Even so, leaf-feeding will undoubtedly have a place in the home garden. For instance, it has especial value for feeding trees with root injuries. My own tests show that newly planted apple and pear trees that were leaf-fed grew better and suffered less from transplanting than did trees not treated. If you want to do your own experimenting, you can buy ready-prepared nitrogen leaf-feeding sprays.

Stagnant air favors red spider and disease

One little-recognized cause of red spider and plant diseases is the lack of air circulation. Last June at the American Rose Society meeting, one experienced rose grower was wondering why his plants suddenly began to give him trouble three years ago for the first time. Red spider, mildew, and black spot had all become serious, although he hadn't changed his cultural methods in any way.

On questioning him, I learned that three years ago he had surrounded his rose garden with a high hedge, destroying the air circulation which had formerly kept red spider and diseases in check. If you have been bothered by red spider or by plant diseases, check your beds and borders to see that air drainage hasn't been checked by hedges, fences, buildings, or other obstacles to free air movement.

Weed may supply superior insect killer

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Start pansies and violas now

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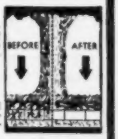

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What's WRONG with these rooms?

By David Flather

Even with the best of furnishings, a room can go wrong. These rooms, for example, look pretty fine at first glance. Yet, when you study them closely, you'll find they are crowded with mistakes.

The furniture, rugs, draperies, and accessories are well designed. But some of them are the wrong size or style for the room; others have been badly arranged.

Altogether there are 38 mistakes in the five rooms. If you name 20, you're good. If you name 30 or more, your taste is way above average.

Now get busy with your pencil and write the mistakes you find in the blanks beside each picture.

A. Find seven mistakes in this room

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B. Find seven mistakes in this room

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C. Find eight mistakes in this room

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D. Find seven mistakes in this room

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E. Find nine mistakes in this room

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When you've filled in the blanks on page 254, check your answers with this list

Here are the 38 mistakes to be found in the five rooms on page 254. If you discovered more than 20, you're a good amateur decorator. If you got 30 or more right, you're terrific!

Room A

1. *Too many patterns in upholstery, rug, wallpaper, and curtains.* It's better to use one pattern plus one stripe, and accent them both with solid colors.

2. *Pictures over the sofa are hung too high.* Keep pictures at eye level. And NEVER hang a small picture above a larger one—small pictures should be hung low enough so you can see detail.

3. *Floral picture crowded into the corner on the window wall is too big for the space.* Allow generous wall margins around all your pictures.

4. *Coffee table is too small* to serve people sitting on the sofa and the two adjoining chairs. That vase of flowers is too big—and just makes the table seem smaller.

5. *End table is too high* for anyone on the sofa or chair to reach easily.

6. *Lamp on the end table is too short and too small.* Since it appears to be the only lamp in the room, it should be big and tall enough for good lighting.

7. *Draped valance is overdressy* for this (and most) rooms, according to today's taste. Those bowknot tiebacks are too fussy; tiebacks should be plain or match the draperies.

Room B

1. *Flower and fruit prints are spaced unevenly on the wall.* Space between the double row of pictures is too great; it's usually best to have the space between rows equal the space between pictures in a row.

2. *End tables are of different heights.* End tables don't need to match, but they must be the same height if you plan to use a pair of table lamps on them.

3. *Lamps are too big for high end tables;* the lamp shades are too small for the lamps and too fussy for the room.

4. *Sofa pillows are too numerous and covered in too many different materials.*

5. *Hooked rug is placed at an odd angle.* It would show off to better advantage if it were parallel to the sofa.

6. *Barrel chair is set at an odd angle, too.* The front of the chair should be at right angles to the wall so it will face the lounge chair—and the barrel chair should be moved back several inches so it won't crowd the front of the sofa.

7. *Ottoman is covered to match the sofa,* but it should match the lounge chair.

Room C

1. *Desk is along the darkest wall in the room—the window wall.* The desk should be placed at right angles to the wall so it shares the light from the window. (Then hang the mirror vertically over the desk.)

2. *Bench would not make a satisfactory desk seat.* A bench or stool is seldom the right height for desk use, and never offers back support. In any case, this bench is too big to slide into the opening in the desk.

3. *Corner plant bracket is too high.* Keep brackets low enough so that you can water the plants easily.

4. *Radio-phonograph is set at an angle . . .* it should be flat against the wall.

5. *Top of radio is cluttered.* Your best bet is to keep only one decorative object on top of the radio so that you can spread out record albums there.

6. *Small rug is badly placed.* The rug should be under the coffee table and part of the sofa-table grouping. (You're also wise to get a rug that's entirely different in

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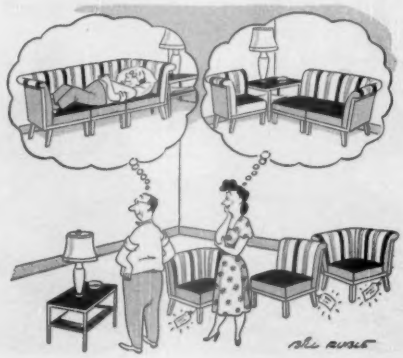

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texture from the carpet on which it's to be used.)

7. *Wall space shows between ceiling-high draperies.* Put a deep valance or Venetian blind above the window to cover the wall space.

8. *Glass curtains are too skimpy.* Curtains should cover the top and bottom of the window frame—or be omitted altogether.

Room D

1. *Curtains are too skimpy.* Curtains should cover the entire window frame—top and sides. And they should be floor-length, apron-length, or sill-length; it's never smart to let curtains end between the apron and the floor.

2. *Scatter rugs are too varied and too small.* Stick to one style of scatter rugs; use a few big rugs instead of many little ones.

3. *Bric-a-brac on brackets over the bed are dangerous.*

4. *Bedside table is too small for two persons to use.* The fat lamp only makes the table look smaller. Lamp itself has too low a shade to provide enough light for comfortable reading in bed.

5. *Mirror tilts too far forward*—and hangs from old-fashioned tassel cords. Always hang mirror flat against the wall.

6. *Dresser lamps are too low* to light your face properly.

7. *Wall treatment is complicated with two paints and a wallpaper.* In a small room like this, stick to all wallpaper or all paint, or use one paint on three walls and paper on the fourth.

Room E

1. *Desk chair is too low* for writing at the desk. Pick a standard-height desk chair upholstered so it has a living-room look.

2. *Desk lacks writing lamp of any sort.*

3. *Tier table and lamp on it serve no purpose where they are placed* . . . the table should be close to a chair or sofa. Because the room seems to have enough tables already, it might be best to eliminate the tier table.

4. *Pembroke table and wing chair are badly arranged.* You could place the wing chair next to the fireplace with its back against the wall—and stand the table at the side nearest the window. Or you might swing the table around so that the long side is against the wall—and pull the chair up beside it so that the front of the chair is at right angles to the fireplace wall. Either way, the table and lamp would serve the wing chair better.

5. *Picture is hung too high.* Pictures should be low enough to appear part of a furniture grouping.

6. *Mantel ornaments are too small and too flat.* Choose big, tall bric-a-brac for a low, wide mantel like this.

7. *Coffee table is cluttered with assorted knickknacks.*

8. *Lamp on the drum table is too short and too small* for adequate sofa lighting.

9. *Patterned scatter rug is busy-looking* on top of a figured room-size carpet. Find a plain scatter rug for a figured carpet; save patterned rugs for figured carpets.

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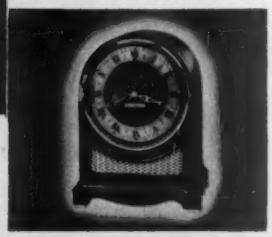

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Yet if, in any single year, a state suspends or revokes *one driver's license in a hundred*, it is regarded as "standard" and up to the best accepted practices. Only 11 states in the whole country measure up to this. The figure for Missouri is less than one in a thousand. In Kansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Arkansas, it is less than two in a thousand; in Georgia, Nebraska, Iowa, and Kentucky, it is less than three in a thousand. In six states the motor vehicle administrators are not even given enough authority to suspend licenses. Six states do not even have any central driver files. In 26 others incomplete records are kept. Ten states, for example, keep no file on traffic violations; 5 keep no file on license restrictions; 6 keep no file on convictions for traffic violations; 18 keep no file on written warnings; 13 keep no file on reports of hearings; and 3 don't even keep files on suspensions and revocations.

Can't you see what a constant menace that is, in these days of universal highway travel, to you and your family?

One state, and one only, is making (at least in comparison with the others) a moderately good record on suspending or revoking the licenses of bad drivers. That is Massachusetts. Beginning more than 10 years ago when the late Frank Goodwin was the Motor Vehicle Registrar, they began calling on the carpet anyone who seemed to be a dangerous driver. Licenses were suspended for from 10 to 30 days, and unless after the suspension the driver's record improved, the license was suspended again for a longer term. Last year, Massachusetts suspended or revoked the licenses of 27 drivers in every 1,000. Incidentally, Massachusetts, last year, won the National Safety Contest for the "safest" state.

Aside from taking away your license, some states are beginning—just beginning—to give bad drivers warnings, or calling them in for additional driving tests. Twenty-five such "contacts" in a year for each thousand drivers is now considered standard, and last year only six states in the country came up to it. Iowa, Georgia, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, West Virginia, and Montana had less than two a year. In those states only about one driver in a thousand, that is, was even *asked* to do better. Fifteen states turned in no record of any contacts at all. More than a dozen states do not even have any personnel available for any driver-improvement program.

Yet numberless experiments have shown that we can have better driving merely by insisting on it. There are plenty of "million mile" long-distance truck drivers who have operated in heavy traffic more miles than the average person drives in a lifetime, without even scratching a fender. At the Buick plant in Flint, Michigan, 275 motor vehicles of all sizes, up to big car-carriers, were operated for eight years without a single accident. Truck-fleet operators have found that four out of five accident repeaters can readily be trained into becoming safe drivers.

Even with teen-age drivers, who are as a class the most dangerous of all, excellent results can be secured by training. In North Carolina, high-school boys and girls drive practically all the big 54-passenger busses in the state's school system, and do it more safely, and more economically, than the drivers in any other state. Why? Because the North Carolina school transportation people have pioneered in emphasizing carefulness and the responsibility for being everlastingly *safe*. Even relatively inexperienced drivers, in the state school system, are so painstakingly *careful* they have few accidents. That they gradually acquire a high degree of skill also, is shown by the fact that the 1948 National Truck Rodeo winner, crowned as the most skillful road driver in the United States, started out driving a North Carolina school bus.

A few states where accident repeaters or habitual traffic-law violators are compelled to take driver-training courses if they want to keep on driving, have secured excellent results. Their only trouble

Memorial service

Cleveland remembered traffic victims recently with a memorial service. Ministers gave safety sermons at the "services," which were held in a park. Crosses bearing names of the victims were erected, and empty chairs were placed near the speaker's platform as a reminder of their absence.

One foot in the grave

Because he "had one foot in the grave" when he drove 48 miles an hour on icy Omaha streets, a 22-year-old motorist was sentenced to place one foot in an open grave. The judge said, "You certainly were taking your life in your hands. That's like putting one foot in the grave. And that's just what I'm going to order you to do."

poor drivers

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A policeman in Waterbury, Connecticut, has put glamour into the lowly parking ticket. He does it with "jingles" like "Howdy, Parker—Pleased to meetcha. But with a ticket I should greetcha. You've parked too long and well you know it. In court 'twould be a cinch to show it. But here in Waterbury, Conn., we try to help a guy get on. So Donahue, the Traffic Picket, just writes a rhyme 'stead of a ticket."

is making so few drivers take these courses.

In the District of Columbia, Colonel H. B. Marcus, with a record of more than 40 traffic violations, was given his choice of taking such a driving course offered by the Motor Vehicle Department or having his driving license revoked. He chose to take the six-weeks course, and became enthusiastic about it. He brought his wife and niece in to take the course voluntarily. That was nearly two years ago, and no traffic violations have been charged against him since. He happily gives permission to be quoted as saying that the course is "the finest thing I ever came across."

During recent years, high-school driver-training courses have been spreading rapidly, and are getting excellent results. Their graduates have been found to have less than half as many accidents as other drivers the same age. Hundreds of forward-looking high schools now give actual behind-the-wheel instruction. That helps. If such courses are offered in your own city, you can be sure they will exert a gradual influence on the driving practices in your area.

Still, waiting for a whole new generation of drivers to grow up, in the face of 30,000 deaths, 100,000 permanent cripplings, and more than a million lesser injuries each year, is not enough.

Is there nothing, in the meantime, that you, Mr. and Mrs. Reader-Driver, can do personally about improving conditions?

There is a good deal. The *how* of safe driving and safe traffic conditions is now pretty well known. The trick is to see that, in your city and state, the proper techniques are used and enforced—particularly in these two paramount matters of driver-licensing, and suspending or revoking licenses as a penalty for bad driving.

General indifference, public apathy in the face of these horrible, unnecessary accident facts is at the root of the trouble. If instead of merely shrugging your shoulders at it, you begin to get indignant about it and repeat to your friends such facts as I have given here, that will in itself help. If enough people do that, it will help a lot. Public pressure is needed to make motor vehicle officials, particularly in those states that are lagging farthest behind the procession, do what they can about it.

You can insist, openly and continually, that your city and state *at least* keep up with the procession, and not lag behind, say, Massachusetts in revoking licenses, or New Jersey in inspecting vehicles, or Florida in warning drivers who are suspects, or the District of Columbia in setting up training courses and compelling bad drivers to take them.

When it comes to your own driving there is, of course, still more that you can do. Is it *really* good? Have you ever taken a full driving course? Do you ever, *ever* make a turn from the wrong lane? Do you ever, *ever* make a sudden swerve? Or a sudden slowdown in traffic? Are you considerate to your brakes, and sparingly intelligent in the use of your horn? Do you know your own reaction time, and how abruptly, say within even 30 feet,

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". . . but listen to ME? Her own SISTER? Think I was from another planet. Her own flesh and blood . . ."
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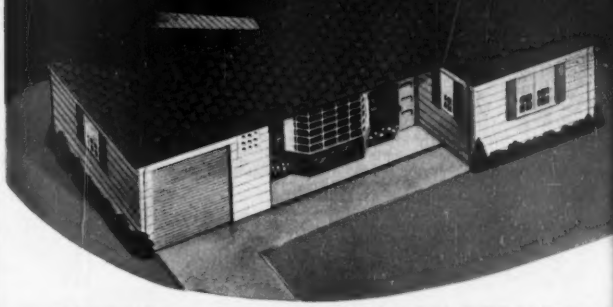

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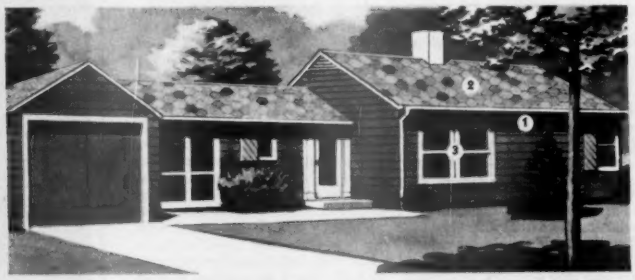
How to butcher a good house

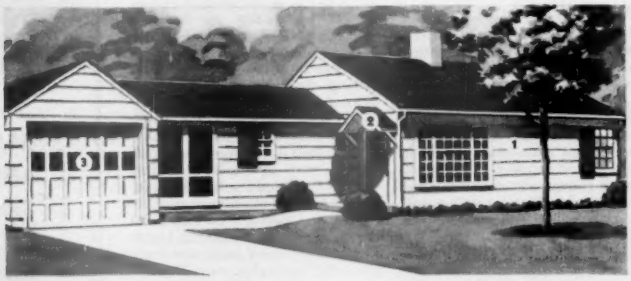
By Ian Porter

Suppose your neighbor told you he was going to build *Better Homes & Gardens* Five Star Home No. 1904 (left). It's low and snug, neither ahead of nor behind the times, and would fit well in your neighborhood. He intends to follow plans exactly, except for a few small improvements. You'd sleep well, wouldn't you?



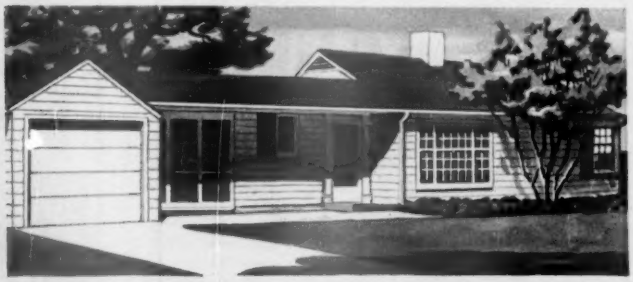
Change 1

Four months later you awake to a nightmare. Your neighbor has left off the fascia (1) that pulled the eave line down to windows. He used simpler windows (3) completely out of character. He wanted exterior color, but since nearby houses were white—including yours—he put color in his roof (2). He didn't miss a color.



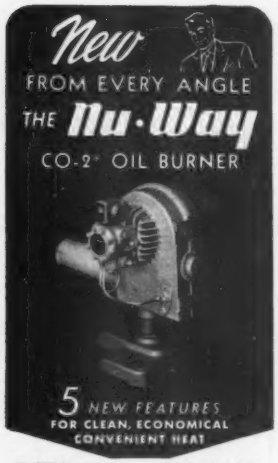
Change 2

Your neighbor did better than a man we know, who used wide siding (1)—a good building material, but far out of scale on this small house. He moved the front door, then sheltered it with a portico so small it looks tacked on (2). Lastly, he put glass (3) where it is useless except to show thieves where the car is.



Change 3

The man next door to us made one justifiable change and planned it well. Because his lot faced north, he wanted more windows on the rear. He gained an extra corner window by pulling the kitchen forward, making a continuous eave. Result: Still an attractive house, but better suited to the owners' needs.



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physical and emotional attributes, the equipment of one's own personality for country living. Here, then, is a check list which may be applied and which tests whether one has what it takes to enjoy life R.F.D. Try these 10 points on yourself:

1. Have you liked camping in the woods, hunting, or fishing, or living on a farm?

2. Is there a Boy Scout in your family, a mechanic, engineer, or farmer's son, an indispensable man who's good with tools, who knows which switches bring water and lights into your house, who can make minor repairs and understands furnaces?

3. Have you ever faced physical emergencies, been deprived of heat, water, or shelter, and found you survived without too great shock?

4. Are you healthy, preferably under middle age? Changing one's way of life after 50 is not easy, and if you've been a city slicker all your life, then meeting certain challenges of Nature is a question to be seriously considered.

5. Would there be sources of income on the farmplace you have in mind to offset added costs of remodeling, upkeep, and of transportation?

6. Do you like animals?

7. Do you like being alone at least part of the day?

8. Do you enjoy the sights and sounds of Nature enough to compensate for some temporary discomforts?

9. Are you wise enough to ask a good architect or contractor to look over the old house you plan to remodel before paying your earnest money?

10. And, most important, does your family take reasonable pride in its accomplishments? Does it have loyalty and strength of purpose sufficient to work together for a distant goal? A country home that is distinctive and beautiful cannot be achieved overnight, and the presence of spoiled brats, adult or juvenile, can keep it from existing at all.

If *Yes* is your answer to most of these questions, then the wide land beyond Suburbia welcomes you with all its risks and blessings. You have the essentials for the good life, country style; and your dream house, surrounded by wind, sky, and stars, will stand on solid foundations.

Towel tale

She uses HERS.
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The kids grab the nearest
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the fenced yard are, I have tried not to stretch their effectiveness too far. They work out happily if I put my young ones in them only when I've finished the things I can do with them underfoot. When they grow restless alone, or together, I prolong the stay once with a play suggestion or a cracker. When that's worn out, I join them in the yard to hang clothes, saved from an earlier-that-morning washing, or open the gate to do the dusting and vacuuming.

Using one of the three devices above, I do the floor-waxing, window-washing, and so on. However, it is important that these jobs not take too long. The children can play alone and like it while I wash and wax two floors, but not while I wax the whole house.

For that reason, we have no semiannual housecleaning. I wash every day, dust and vacuum every day, wash dishes after every meal, clean the range and defrost the refrigerator once a week, and market only once a week. In addition, I do one special chore a week (wash the woodwork in one room or wax two floors or wash a few windows). If the result is not immaculate housekeeping, it does, at least, mean that we live in clean clothes in a clean house.

Finally, of course, there is time for the three of us to play. It's a time for walks, reading, clay work, finger painting—some every morning, every afternoon, and a lot just before bedtime. No housework is allowed to interfere with regular playtime.

There are only three other rules under which I must operate to fulfill my original aim of fun, an almost-ordered existence, and happy children. I'll give them to you:

1. Dress before breakfast.
2. Clean all appliances after each using (washing machine, drains, vacuum-cleaner bags, and so on).
3. Throw the schedule into the fireplace occasionally and take the whole blessed crew off to the beach!

New tenant

We hadn't meant to let the
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So soon again;
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face to face
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Your heart has known a loss,
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Against the night
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—*Grace Stillman Minck*

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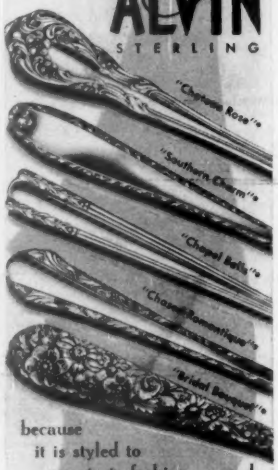

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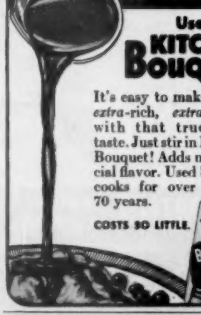

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Acorn Rings With Pot Roast

Squash can be this delicious

It's a sure sign autumn is on the way when you see the market crowded with squash—the scalloped patty pans, green zucchini, ridged acorns, big Hubbards. You can bake, French-fry, candy, and stuff these versatile squashes. See pictures below.

More pictures, recipes on next page

Zucchini Halves are a favorite, especially when you pass them with a big platter of fried chicken. You brown squash in butter, then simmer zucchini halves slowly till tender

Stuffed, Baked Patty Pan is something new to make, something mighty good to eat. Top's crusty, buttered crumbs. Creamed squash and sliced mushrooms are underneath

Candied Acorn Quarters are sunny platter mates with a thick slice of ham. Cooked squash is drizzled in light corn syrup and brown sugar, then simmered slowly until shiny

Baked Patty Pans have a flavor that keeps them all guessing. Garlic butter does the trick. You drench the squash in the melted butter and bake it till tender all the way through

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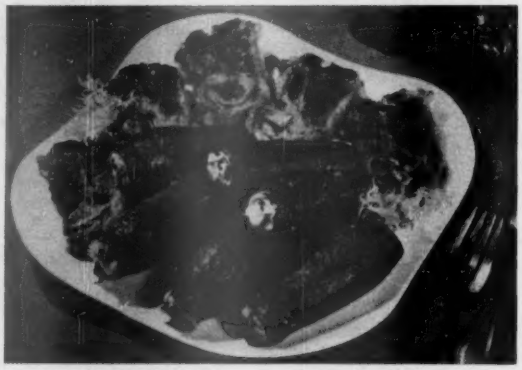

Baked, Stuffed Zucchini has a surprise filling. You cut the center of the squash out with an apple corer. Then stuff the filling of crisp bacon bits, onions, celery, and squash back into the hollow zucchini and bake

Savory Hubbard. Here's a hot and hearty dish for an early fall meal. Simmer cubes of squash and onion rings gently. Ladle hot sour cream over squash just before serving, then sprinkle lightly with dill seed

Crusty Squash Bake. Winter squash is handsome when you give it a brown sugar top dotted with pecan halves. Scatter raisins and chopped pecans through the fluffy mashed squash and bake till the top is golden

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Acorn Rings With Pot Roast

Cover 2 large or 3 medium acorn squash with boiling water and simmer about 5 minutes or until soft enough to pierce with a fork. Drain; cool in cold water. Cut into ½-inch crosswise slices. Scoop out seeds with a teaspoon. Peel circles, using a sharp, pointed paring knife. Lay over top of pot roast the last 15 minutes of cooking. Season. Steam until just tender. Serves 5 or 6. **Variations:** French-fry circles by cooking in hot fat (360°). Remove circles with fork as soon as they are a delicate brown and tender. Drain on absorbent paper. Season.

Zucchini Halves

1½ pounds zucchini halves	1 tablespoon grated onion
4½ tablespoons butter or fortified margarine	1½ cubes or 1½ tablespoons concentrated meat extract

Wash zucchini, cut off ends, and halve lengthwise. Heat butter in skillet. Stir in onion. Add concentrated meat extract cube; crush. Lay squash in mixture, cut side down, and cook until golden brown. Turn. Cover, and cook over low heat until zucchini is tender, about 10 minutes. Arrange on hot platter with pickled crabapples and garnish with parsley. Serves 4 to 5.

Stuffed, Baked Patty Pan Squash

2 pounds patty pan squash	Dash of black pepper
¼ cup butter or fortified margarine	⅛ teaspoon poultry seasoning
1 teaspoon salt	¾ cup milk
3 tablespoons finely chopped onion	3-ounce can (¾ cup) sliced mushrooms
¼ cup enriched flour	½ cup bread crumbs, buttered

Wash squash and cut circle from top of the squash about ¾ inch from the edge and ½ inch deep. Remove seeds. Hollow out inside with teaspoon, keeping shells about ½ inch thick. Melt butter in saucepan. Brush inside and rims of shells with butter, sprinkle with salt, and place on shallow baking pan, hollow sides up. Cover, bake in hot oven (450°) until tender, about 30 minutes. **Filling:** Chop scooped-out squash (3 cups) and onion. Add flour and seasonings to melted butter and blend, gradually add milk, stirring constantly, and continue cooking until sauce thickens. Add chopped squash, onion, mushrooms, and liquid. Cook until squash is tender, about 10 minutes. Stir occasionally. Mixture should be thick. Remove squash shells from oven, fill with creamed mixture. Brush rims of shells again with melted butter. Cover with the buttered crumbs and return to oven to brown, about 5 minutes. Serve with hot, pan-fried sausage links and pepper rings or fried, thick tomato slices. Garnish with parsley. Serves 4.

Candied Acorn Squash

3 medium acorn squash (2½ to 3 pounds)	⅓ cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
⅓ cup butter or fortified margarine	¼ teaspoon salt
	⅓ cup light corn syrup

Cook squash until almost tender; drain, quarter, and peel. Heat butter in skillet. Brown lightly on all sides. Place squash hollow side up, sprinkle with sugar and salt, drizzle syrup over top. Cover and simmer 15 to 20 minutes. Baste 2 or 3 times during cooking. Cook until squash is translucent and beautifully glazed with syrup. Serve with baked or broiled ham. Serves 5.

Baked Patty Pan Squash

1½ pounds patty pan squash	3 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine
½ teaspoon salt	1 large clove garlic, cut in half
Black pepper	

Cut pie-shaped wedges about an inch wide at rim. If skin is tough, remove thin peeling from wedges. Sprinkle cut surfaces with salt and pepper. Heat butter and garlic in saucepan until butter melts. Arrange squash in 8-inch square pan. Coat with butter mixture. Bake in hot oven (450°) 25 to 35 minutes or until very tender. Remove seeds. Place on hot platter; serve with oven-broiled bacon. Serves 4 to 5. **Variation:** Cut patty pans into crosswise slices, about ½ inch thick. Be sure to keep slices uniform and level. Holding cut clove of garlic with waxed paper, rub freshly cut side of clove quickly over both sides of slices. Beat 1 egg and 2 tablespoons milk; dip squash in flour, then in egg mixture, and again in flour. Arrange slices on greased shallow pan. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Dot top of slices with bits of butter. Bake in hot oven (450°) 15 to 20 minutes or until slices are tender, light golden on top and rich brown on the under side.

Arrange on hot platter with oven-broiled bacon.

Savory Hubbard Squash in Sour Cream

3 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine	½ teaspoon salt
	Dash of pepper
1 medium onion, sliced	1 tablespoon sugar
	¼ cup water
1 quart cubed Hubbard squash (¼ of an 8-pound squash)	1 cup thick sour cream
	½ teaspoon dill seed

Melt butter in skillet. Add sliced onion, then squash. Shake skillet to get an even layer of vegetables. Sprinkle seasoning over top, add water, cover closely, and cook over low heat until squash is tender, about 20 minutes. After 10 minutes of cooking, turn squash, using a pancake turner to preserve cube shapes. Just before serving, heat sour cream in top of double boiler, stir constantly. Turn squash onto hot platter; pour cream over the top. Sprinkle with dill seed.

Crusty Squash Bake

6 pounds winter squash (½ medium-large Hubbard or 2 butternuts)	¼ cup light brown sugar
	¼ cup light corn syrup
	2 tablespoons raisins
¼ cup butter or fortified margarine	¼ cup pecans (half of them chopped)
¼ teaspoon salt	

Cut squash in pieces. Bake in moderately hot oven (400°) until tender, 50 to 60 minutes. Remove from oven; scoop out pulp down

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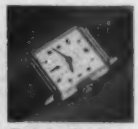

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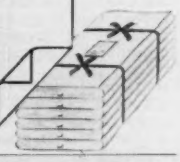

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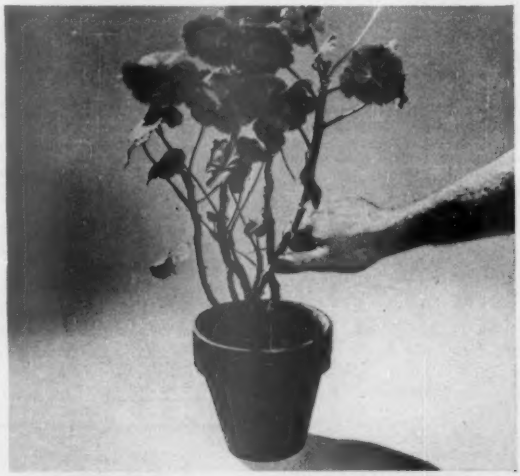

1 Cut off all the shoots as shown. Discard the old plant since its new growth stands little chance of being symmetrical even if you repot it

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3 Next remove the leaves from lower part of stem. Use sand or vermiculite for potting, and insert each stem in a hole poked about 2 inches deep with a pencil. Water thoroughly to settle sand around stem. Put the pot of cuttings in a spot where it won't get direct sun, and keep sand moist

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The 10 most common

when they hit
how you get them
what they do to you
how to stop or control them

By Lawrence Galton

Not long ago, after a study of over a million cases, a report to the American Medical Association listed the 10 most common skin diseases that can hit you or members of your family.

These are rarely fatal maladies. But they are nuisances. All are ugly to look at. Many cause uncomfortable, even severe, itching. Some may leave behind scars—not only physical but psychological ones, affecting the personality

Eczema

Not contagious

when, whom

Any age. One of the most common and distressing rashes affecting babies. Many adults have chronic form.

where

May be confined to face and scalp, be present in the bends of elbows or behind the knees, or may spread over entire body.

how you get it

Food allergy believed most common cause. Other causes are allergenic factors such as wool, silk, fur, feathers, starch, cotton, shellac, or dye in toys.

symptoms

In acute stage, redness and swelling. Increased fluid in the skin causes formation of vesicles or tiny sacs. There may be thickening of skin, scaling, cracking, itching. If not treated, acute eczema tends to become chronic; fibrous tissue forms, and skin becomes thick and inelastic.

treatment

Doctor may try skin tests for allergy. In acute cases, cleaning of skin and removal of scales and crusts by use of creams, oils, or aluminum acetate solutions. Applications of lotion or paste to protect and cool skin, remove water, control itching. Elimination, if known, of offending food or other allergenic factors. Doctor may also prescribe an anti-histaminic drug. In chronic conditions, use of ointments containing drugs such as tar, resorcin, or salicylic acid to stimulate the skin and to stop itching. Other measures may also be used, including X-ray.

chances for cure

In acute cases, elimination of offending allergen is usually followed by rapid disappearance of eczema. In chronic cases, X-ray often clears up the trouble when all other measures have failed.

Prompt medical treatment almost always speeds recovery and prevents complications. (Areas affected by eczema are fertile breeding grounds for germs that cause other skin troubles.)

Seborrhea

Generally considered not to be contagious

when, whom

Rarely in infancy and childhood. Frequently develops at or shortly before puberty. Tends to disappear in old age.

where

Mid-portion of face, the scalp, chest, mid-back, since these are the areas in which sebaceous secretions are most profuse.

how you get it

Cause not definitely known. Among factors thought to be involved: (1) disturbance of endocrine gland functioning (sex glands, thyroid, pituitary, etc.); (2) diet, since some foods and drugs like chocolate, shellfish, iodides, bromides sometimes seem to be excitants.

A microorganism, a yeastlike fungus, has been isolated. Doctors disagree on whether or not it is a cause of seborrhea.

symptoms

Excessive oiliness of the skin. Accompanying the oiliness may be a scaly or a moist and fissured type of eruption. The eruption may be much like, and difficult to distinguish from, that found in such skin diseases as psoriasis or *pityriasis rosea*.

treatment

Doctor may prescribe use of a fatty acid soap. Also of a remedy such as sulfur, mercury, salicylic acid, tar, silver nitrate, etc., or a combination of remedies according to type of eruption and site. Elimination of possible diet factors such as chocolate, shellfish, etc. Sometimes, Vitamin B complex and intramuscular injection of crude liver extract help. X-ray may also be used.

chances for cure

The excessive oiliness itself cannot be cured. However, it tends to disappear as the individual grows older.

But eruptions associated with seborrhea can often be treated effectively and, once they have been cleared up, may be prevented from recurring.

skin diseases

and contributing to emotional difficulties throughout life.

Much of the discomfort, outright suffering, and later scarring, moreover, is unnecessary. Although they're so common, these skin disorders are widely misunderstood. And because they're not fatal, they're greatly neglected.

In the following chart, *Better Homes & Gardens* presents the salient facts about these 10 most common skin diseases. The information is the latest available and has been checked by well-known dermatologists.

Contrary to the opinion of many, these skin diseases are never matters for shame. They can and do affect rich as well as poor, clean as well as negligent, healthy as well as the ailing. If they strike in your family—or have already struck—they can be helped by prompt recognition and proper treatment.

Psoriasis

Not contagious

when, whom

Rarely in early childhood; occasionally from age of 5 on; increasingly common after adolescence. May occur for first time in middle age or later.

where

Most often in scalp or nails, and on elbows, knees. But may occur anywhere on skin.

how you get it

Cause still unknown. Heredity seems to be a factor; some 30 percent of patients have family history of psoriasis. Psoriasis appears in people who are in perfect health as well as in the sick. There have been theories, but no proof, that it is due to metabolic disturbances, endocrine disorders, and infection.

symptoms

Slightly elevated red patches covered by shiny, silvery scales. May join to form large patches. May itch.

treatment

Any one or a combination of several measures. Tar baths, wet dressings, mild ointments during acute stage. Later, ointments may be strengthened with such drugs as chrysarobin, salicylic acid, resorcinol. Daily application of tar followed by ultraviolet radiation often helps. So may X-ray treatment. A low fat diet is often prescribed. Vitamin concentrates are sometimes of value.

chances for cure

Sometimes disappears spontaneously, but may not clear up unless treated. Even then, it may recur within a short period. However, an attack once cleared up sometimes remains healed for long periods, even life.

Contact dermatitis

Not contagious

when, whom

Anyone, any age.

where

Any part of the body, depending upon the particular offending substance. Usually on exposed surfaces, but may occur on covered areas.

how you get it

By contact with offending substances. Among frequent causes are cosmetics, dyes, soaps, deodorants, perfumes. But, depending upon the individual's sensitivity to it, almost any article that is touched or handled may be the offender.

symptoms

Rash. Tiny blisters which may rupture so the skin oozes, bleeds, and forms crusts.

Itching.

treatment

Rash and itching relieved by use of a drug in lotion, salve, paste, or wet-dressing form. Choice of drug or combination of drugs may depend upon stage of eruption. Among commonly used medicaments: calamine lotion, zinc oxide, tannic acid, boric ointment. Doctor may use patch tests, applying suspected agents to see if a skin reaction results.

chances for cure

Contact dermatitis may run an erratic course. If causative agent or agents can be determined and thereafter avoided, recurrences may be prevented.

Impetigo

Contagious

when, whom

Any age, but children most commonly.

where

On face. Less often, on scalp, ears, hands.

how you get it

Impetigo is produced by germs known as staphylococci and streptococci. It is transmitted by contaminated materials such as towels, toys, books, pencils.

symptoms

Small red, elevated spots containing fluid that quickly becomes pus. Spots rapidly dry to form yellow crusts.

treatment

Doctor can tell by visual exam-

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The 10 most common skin diseases

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ination. Treatment: Washing of skin several times daily with soap and water. Removal of crusts. Rubbing in an ointment containing ammoniated mercury, penicillin, or sulfur. Or use of aqueous solutions of such dyes as gentian violet. If skin is painfully swollen, wet dressings to reduce inflammation.

chances for cure

Good. No scars or other permanent damage. Impetigo is one of the easiest of all common skin infections to cure.

Ringworm

Highly contagious

1. OF THE SCALP (human variety; animal variety)

when, whom

Young children. Rarely in adults.

where

Scalp.

how you get it

Human variety: Via combs and brushes in the home, unsterilized barber instruments, backs of theater seats. The disease is now often regarded as epidemic.

Animal variety: From animals.

symptoms

Loss of hair luster in one or more patches may be the first sign. Later, hair becomes brittle, breaks off close to scalp. Fine scaling around the hairs.

treatment

Examination of scalp under the Wood light (filtered ultraviolet rays) and by culture test. Infected hairs glow with brilliant green fluorescence.

Human variety: X-ray treatment to remove all hair. Usually, within 3 weeks after treatment, all hair falls out by roots, scalp remains bald for 2 or 3 months, then new, uninfected hair grows in. Also, daily shampoos and use of mild parasite-killing preparation such as 3 to 5 percent white ammoniated mercury ointment. Recently, new liquids and ointments containing "wetting agents" and various chemicals have been developed and are being tested for use when X-rays can't be employed.

Animal variety: Shave or clip hair; shampoo frequently; use an ointment (5 to 10 percent ammoniated mercury or 5 to 10 percent sulfur, or one of the newer ointments containing fatty acids).

chances for cure

Excellent.

2. OF THE BODY

when, whom

Anyone, any age.

where

Often on the groin and upper part of the thigh. But any other area may be affected.

how you get it

Often by handling puppies, kittens, or other pets which carry the fungi in their furs. May also be caught from infected people.

symptoms

Round discs, ranging in color from tannish to bright red. Center parts of discs usually clear up in a few days, leaving rings. There may be mild to intense itching.

treatment

Local treatment with a mild antiparasitic and peeling preparation until enough scaling occurs so that the fungi are thrown off. Preparation may be a drying powder, lotion, or tincture containing such medicaments as salicylic acid, resorcin, iodine, or tars.

chances for cure

Excellent.

3. OF THE FEET (athlete's foot)

when, whom

Anyone, any age.

where

Between toes.

how you get it

By walking barefoot in infected areas such as locker and shower rooms.

symptoms

In mild cases, cracks in skin between toes. Some itching. In extreme cases, raw, red skin, blisters, pus formation. Intense itching. Pain.

treatment

Attempt self-treatment only in mildest cases, using mild medication—boric acid powder or gentian violet. Keep feet clean, dry; air shoes and socks when not wearing them; use light, well-ventilated shoes. If trouble continues or is more severe to begin with, doctor may prescribe a tincture or lotion and other measures until affected parts have stopped oozing, followed by an ointment which may contain a fatty acid.

chances for cure

Excellent.

Urticaria (HIVES)

Not contagious

1. ACUTE

when, whom

Anyone, any age.

where

Any part of skin.

how you get it

From foods, drugs. Also from matter carried in blood stream from some infection in body; from physical agents such as cold, heat, light, effort, stroking; from dusts and vapors; from wool and silk; from dyes. Many other possible causes, including disturbances of metabolism in pregnancy, at menstrual periods, at change of life. Most common food offenders: shellfish, fish, strawberries, cheese, nuts, eggs, wheat, milk, pork and pork products, chocolate. Most common focal points of infection: abscessed teeth, infected tonsils, adenoids, sinuses, bronchi, gall bladder, appendix.

symptoms

Pinkish or whitish elevations or ridges on the skin. Number of these "wheals" during an attack may vary from one to several hundred. Size may range from pinhead to palm. Severe itching. Sometimes, burning, tingling, or creeping sensations.

treatment

To relieve the itching, use of anti-histaminic drugs. Injection of adrenalin in oil may be helpful. Determination and elimination, if possible, of cause or causes. Doctor will try to find, if possible, after what exposures the attacks occur. Also, selective elimination in diet of most notorious allergy-producing foods.

May also require elimination of inhalant allergens such as feathers, house dust, pollens; further eliminations of silk garments, wool, dyed materials, cosmetics, etc. Treatment of infection, if any.

chances for cure

Immediate and complete relief in many cases. Chances for cure, fairly good. Cures are often spontaneous.

2. CHRONIC

when, whom

Anyone, any age.

where

Any part of skin.

how you get it

See acute.

symptoms

Similar to acute, but recurring.

treatment

Generally, the same measures as in acute. May also include administration of thyroid and other preparations, vitamins. Desensitization by injections of gradually increasing amounts of histamine.

chances for cure

Relief often possible. Chances for cure less favorable than in acute, although if cause can be found, cure is likely. May cease spontaneously.

3. GIANT

when, whom

Anyone, any age.

where

More likely to affect lips, mouth, throat, penis.

how you get it

See acute.

symptoms

Swellings larger, deeper, less distinctly separated, often of longer duration. Swelling in larynx may cause choking.

treatment

Generally, the same measures as in acute and chronic. Adrenalin is used to suppress dangerous swelling of mucous membranes in larynx which may cause choking. Sometimes an emergency operation may be necessary to provide airway for breathing.

chances for cure

Can be relieved and controlled. Cause infrequently found. Spontaneous cure may occur.

Acne

Not contagious

1. ACNE VULGARIS

when, whom

Often begins at 11 to 13; usually clears up in early 20's but may continue in some cases during entire period of sexual maturity. More common in males than in females. Sixty to 90 percent of all adolescents get it.

where

Usually on the face, including forehead, cheeks, nose, chin. Mid-chest, back, shoulders are also susceptible.

how you get it

Specific cause not known. Single most important factor is believed to be the marked change at puberty in glandular secretions which affect the skin.

symptoms

Blackheads, whiteheads, pimples, oily skin, dandruff, widely dilated pores, tendency to flushing, small or large boils, singly or in combination.

treatment

Remove blackheads, whiteheads, pimples, etc. by frequent washing and use of a prescribed lotion or cream. Doctor opens pustules under sterile conditions. Also, dietary restrictions including avoidance of chocolate, nuts, sharp cheeses; no excess of fats and sweets; elimination of sea food, pork and pork products, milk, eggs, other foods which, in individual cases may make acne worse. Doctor may use X-ray to make overactive skin glands function normally.

chances for cure

No treatment produces a sure cure, but proper treatment can often arrest acne, may prevent pitting and scarring. Fortunately, most cases cure themselves in the early 20's or before.

2. ACNE ROSACEA

when, whom

Appears first in adult life. Milder cases occur most often in women, who usually don't suffer the disfigurement which the disease may produce in men.

where

Confined to face. Nose is most common site, but forehead, cheeks, and chin may be affected.

how you get it

Cause unknown. Sometimes associated with too small acid content in stomach, with disturbance of endocrine gland functioning in women, with certain foods (chocolate, nuts, liquor, cheese, coffee, pork, spices), with constipation, with irritation from sun and wind, and with emotion and tension in the individual.

symptoms

Reddening or flushing of middle third of face. Usually begins with temporary flush. Nose reddens first; then flush may spread. Later, dark red or purplish pustules spread over skin. Blackheads may form. Skin usually becomes covered with oil, is greasy to the touch. Later nose may swell and enlarge, becoming purplish.

treatment

Local treatment with sulfur ointments or pastes, or with other medication. X-ray. Electric needle to destroy enlarged blood vessels. Surgical removal of growths. Proper diet to eliminate such irritants as spices, condiments (pepper, pickles, sharp sauces), tea, coffee, alcoholic beverages, gravies, fried foods, nuts, melons. Dilute hydrochloric acid may be given or acidifying tablets may be used.

chances for cure

Proper treatment usually produces good results. If started early, it may prevent the later stages of nose swelling and tumor formation.

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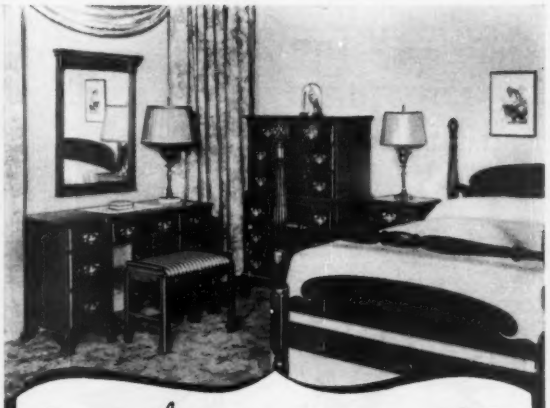

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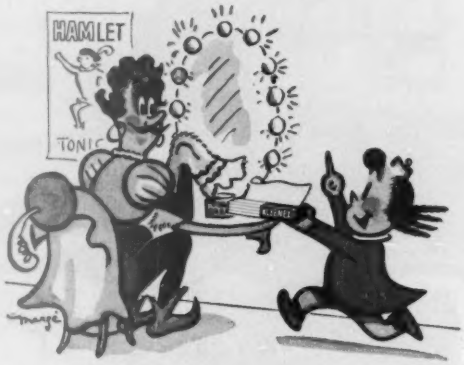

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when, whom
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where
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how you get it
Caused by a tiny animal parasite called the itch mite, which burrows under skin. Disease is easily caught on intimate exposure, from infected bedclothes, etc.

symptoms
Itching, usually more intense at night. Small pimples and blisters. Tiny black lines on some blisters.

treatment
Doctor can usually see the burrow with naked eye or magnifying glass. Mite can be lifted out with a needle and identified under microscope. Treatment includes thorough scrubbing and soaking to remove tops of blisters. Application of ointment or lotion. Among those used: combination of benzyl benzoate, DDT, and benzocaine; hexachlorocyclohexane in vanishing-cream base.

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Pityriasis rosea

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when, whom
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where
Fairly diffuse; predominatingly on chest, upper portions of arms and thighs. Rarely on face, scalp, palms.

how you get it
Cause unknown. In many cases, new clothing or long-stored garments seem to be responsible. Some doctors think *pityriasis rosea* may be a virus infection.

symptoms
Pink, scaly eruptions. One spot, the "mother patch" or "herald," appears first. Numerous spots follow in a week or two. Usually itching is only mild, but in some cases, may be severe. Occasionally, there are also sore throat, fever, enlarged glands, pains in joints.

treatment
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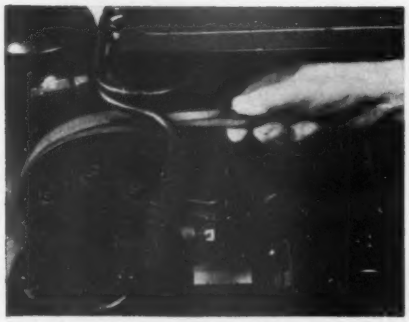
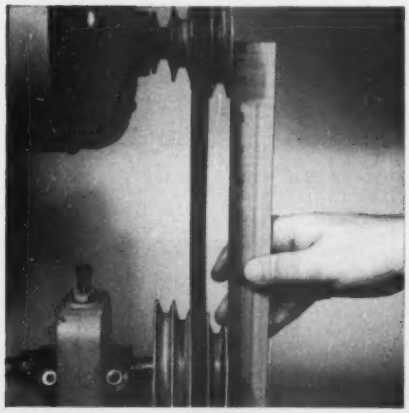
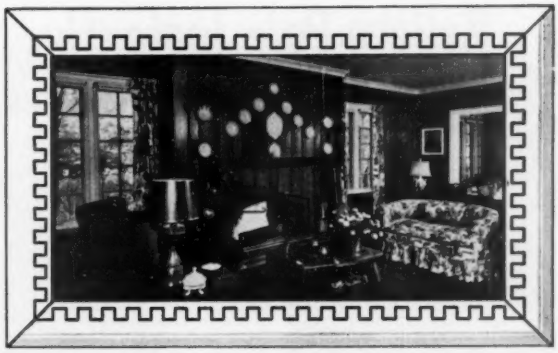


All belts, in refrigerators as in other appliances, should have some slack so motor bearings won't wear out rapidly. Sometimes this tension is self-adjusting. Test by pressing down on the belt between the pulleys. Then inspect belt for wear or splitting, as illustrated, and replace it if you find it damaged



Use straightedge to make sure pulleys are in line. One way to line them up is to loosen setscrew on the driven pulley (on machine). Then turn on motor for a second. This will draw the loose pulley into position. Then tighten the setscrew

When V-belts are used, make sure pulley setscrews are tight. Loose setscrews waste power. After you replace the belt, pull on it so you turn over both motor and machine by hand. If this friction load seems abnormal, consult a serviceman



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Rubber cement holds paper and similar material without wrinkling or stiffening. If you join wet surfaces at once, they hold but can be pulled apart. Let cement set first; it holds tightly. **Cellulose cement** is transparent and waterproof. It joins most materials except rubber. Join nonporous surfaces at once and hold rigidly until dry. You can do this with bridges of calking putty (right). On porous surfaces, let first coat dry, and press together after second coat. Avoid air bubbles in any transparent joint

Polyvinyl resin glue is as clean as library paste but has great strength. It sets immediately on paper, in 20 to 30 minutes on most woods. Made for laminating glass, it is transparent when dry. Avoid contact with metal, or water soaking. To repair a broken book back (left) apply single coat and press together. Abrasive sticks for dressing joints (right) are made by gluing sandpaper to wood

Resorcinol resin glue is completely waterproof, withstands practically anything, will bond almost any material. It usually comes as a dark liquid with powder catalyst. Mix only the amount required, stirring well. Life of mix is 3-4 hours at 70 degrees, so cool the container in water during warm weather. Apply glue to both surfaces and join while moist, clamping until squeezed-out beads of glue are quite hard. Wash glue from hands before it sets. To fix plastic, roughen joint with sandpaper

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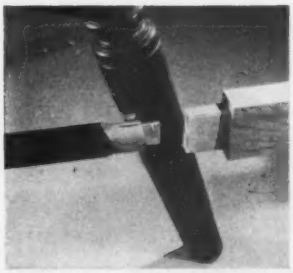
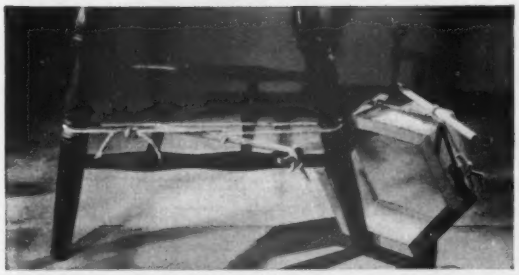
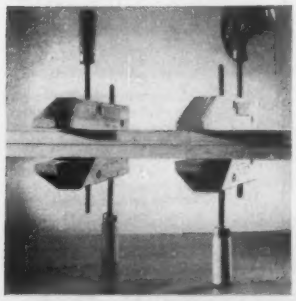


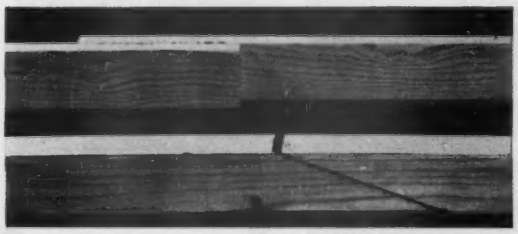
To reglue loose parts like a chair rung or a tenon (right), first sand off all old glue. Do not try to take up looseness with a filling of glue. On chair rung, make saw cut in end and put in narrow wedge. Apply glue, then reseat rung with force to drive wedge in for perfect fit. When tenon becomes loose, glue thin piece of wood to one side, sand for tight fit, apply glue, reseat in mortise



Clamping is essential. A simple home clamping method is to surround the work with a rope loop and tighten it with a piece of wood, tourniquet fashion. At left, chair is clamped after regluing rungs. Sometimes it is wise to put a piece of cardboard under the rope at each end of the loop, to prevent mars in the finish. At the right, a C-clamp holds the tourniquet bar in place, a handy trick when you are gluing up odd shapes like this column



To apply hand screws, turn the handles so work is gripped near the middle screw, as at the left. Then, at right, turn end handle to apply pressure and bring the jaws parallel. If you can move clamp sideways, the work is held only by the front or middle of jaws, needs adjustment



Strong joints result when you apply glue to the greatest possible area. Lap joint, top, has glue area 10 times that of a cross-section area. Scarf joint, below, is alternative. Tongue-and-groove and similar joints also increase glue area. Apply glue to both surfaces if they are porous. Cover completely, but avoid wasting glue by using so much you squeeze most of it out in clamping. Tighten clamps slowly to avoid joints with too little glue

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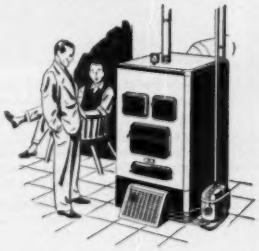

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Glue it together

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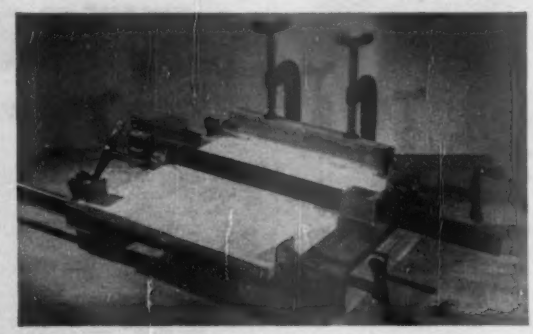
With edge-to-edge gluing of wide boards, remember that shrinkage will be greatest at the ends. Hence, ends must fit closely. Slight looseness in the middle, shown in exaggerated form, will be taken up in clamping. Alternate positions of heart and sap side of the boards, as shown at the bottom of the picture, to avoid bowing of the entire glued piece in case of shrinkage. Grain at the ends of a plain-sawed board is curved; the outside of the curve is the sap side, and the inside is the heart side. Line up parts with mallet taps, and check with a square before tightening clamps



Alternate bar clamps on each side of the work when you glue wide boards edge to edge. If the work has a tendency to hump, clamp it flat with C-clamps and a batten, as shown in the background. Strips of waxed paper will prevent the bars or battens from sticking to the glue lines. Wood and glue will yield somewhat under pressure, so all clamps should be retightened within an hour or so. This also applies when you use hand screws to draw parts together. With most glues, heat from heating lamps speeds setting, but avoid blistering of any painted surface with extra heat

In face-to-face gluing, put the sap sides of the two boards together (left) so they will not pull apart from shrinkage later. Use thin cauls of plywood, especially with C-clamps, to keep jaws from marring the work. At the right, several small brads driven into one board and clipped off short will prevent creeping when boards are clamped together for face gluing

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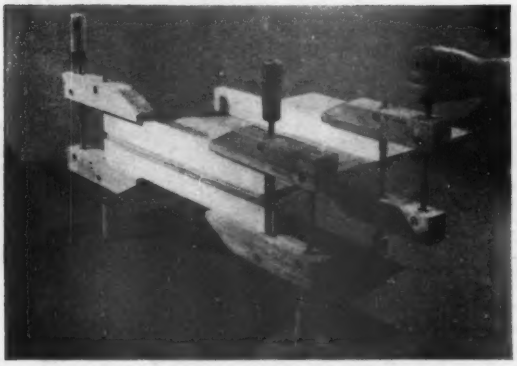
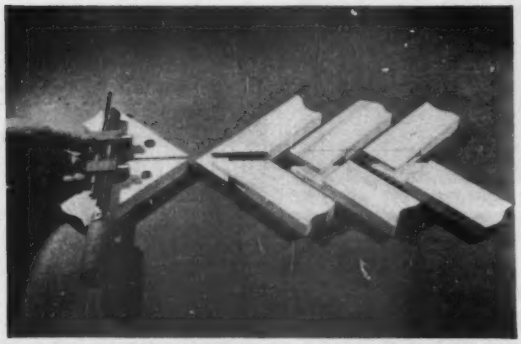


Wide pieces glued face to face need sets of bearers with clamps at each end. Each top bearer should have a slight crown on the underside so initial pressure is at the middle. In emergency, bring bearers together with bolts and wing nuts, or use tub of water or a pile of bricks as weight

Emergency bar clamps can easily be made of wood, although precision-made steel bar clamps are easier to use. To make your own bar clamp, nail or screw a block of wood at each end of a wooden bar. Allow a space between the work and one block for driving double wedges as pictured



Simple miter joints, as at the corners of a picture frame, may be held until glue sets by drilling blind holes in the back of the work and using miter clamps, as shown at the left. At the right are three miter joints that are much stronger than the simple glued miter—slip feather, half lap, and mortise-and-tenon—but all require very accurate work. Panel in a mitered frame, such as bottom of a drawer, will expand, so should not be glued

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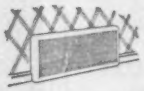

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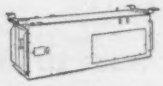

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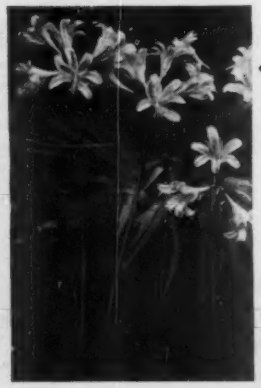
All three flowers should be planted in late August or early September, although lycoris can wait until early spring. Colchicum will give you almost immediate results, with flowers poking through the ground two or three weeks after you set out the bulbs.



← The rosy-lilac blossoms of lycoris appear with no sign of foliage in August. Plant bulbs in rich soil with tops 4 inches deep. You may want to use low plants to hide bare stalks

Colchicum bulbs produce flowers a few weeks after planting, and for many autumns in the future. Set bulbs in rich soil in borders or rock gardens, 6 inches apart, tips 3 inches deep →

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Poor drivers

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you can stop a car going 60 miles an hour? Can you park, smoothly and efficiently, without unnecessarily slowing or impeding other traffic, in a curb space a single yard longer than your car? Yes, *every time?* When a traffic light changes, do you always make sure the intersection is safe before you go ahead?

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Accident analysis

Actual traffic accidents were reviewed at Bradford (Pennsylvania) High School. A panel consisting of the principal, the president of the student council, a state patrol officer, an insurance company claims agent, and the school driving instructor diagnosed each accident to determine its cause.

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Where to get it

Most items shown in this issue should be available in your local stores. If, however, they are not, for your store's convenience in ordering, we list the names of the companies through which they're available.

Cooky jar parade

Page 109. Mexican cooky jar: The Old Mexico Shop, Santa Fe, N. Mex.
Pretzel jar and animal cracker jar: Brayton Laguna Pottery, 1450 Coast Boulevard, South, Laguna Beach, Calif.
"Pigtailers" cooky and "Cookie Time" jars: Abingdon Potteries, Inc., Abingdon, Ill.
Pineapple cooky jar: Cemar Clay Products, 3024 Rosslyn Street, Los Angeles, Calif.
"Goodies" jar: Hadley Pottery Company, 1570 Story Avenue, Louisville, Ky.
"Sugar 'n spice" jar: Dorothy Perry, 2109 Castilian Drive, Hollywood, Calif.

Are you looking for . . .

Page 162. Lamp table-coffee table, desk: Imperial Furniture Company, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Page 164. Card table: Oakmasters, Grand Rapids Bookcase & Chair Co., Hastings, Mich.
Page 180. Tables, telephone chair: Oakmasters, Grand Rapids Bookcase & Chair Company, Hastings, Mich.
Page 182. Dining chest: Oakmasters, Grand Rapids Bookcase & Chair Company, Grand Rapids, Mich.

How to make a burl base

Page 194. Lower picture, Chinese figure, bowl, and teapot: Fong Brothers, 912 West Seventh Street, Los Angeles, Calif.

Squash delicious

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to thin skin. There should be about 3¾ cups. Add 3 tablespoons of the butter, salt, and 1 tablespoon of the brown sugar. Beat, then fold in the raisins and chopped nuts. Turn into 1-quart casserole. Smooth top and sides of squash, using knife. Combine remaining sugar, butter, and corn syrup; drizzle over top of squash. Bake in hot oven (450°) until top is crusty, about 15 minutes. Remove from oven; garnish with whole pecan meats. Serve hot. Serves 5 to 6.

Baked, Stuffed Zucchini

2 pounds zucchini (5 or 6)
5 to 6 slices lean bacon (¼ pound)
1 cup finely chopped celery
1 cup finely chopped onion
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon black pepper
1 egg, beaten
3 cups day-old bread crumbs (6 slices)

Wash zucchini; cut off ends. Use an apple corer to hollow out squash carefully, leaving shell about ½ inch thick. Fry bacon until crisp. Remove slices and 1 teaspoon of fat. Add celery and onion to bacon fat and cook until vegetables are almost soft, add the squash pulp, and heat thoroughly. Stir in seasonings. Remove from heat and cool. Fold in well-beaten egg, crumbs, and crumbled bacon; mix well. Stand hollowed squash up on end on waxed paper; stuff. Brush squash with reserved bacon fat. Place in shallow roasting pan. Cover and bake in a hot oven (450°) 30 minutes. Remove cover and bake 20 minutes or until squash is tender and skin is blistered. Serve piping hot. Serves 5 to 6. **Variation:** Zucchini may be split lengthwise in half, then hollowed out with a teaspoon to make shells. Use scooped-out portion to prepare filling as described above. Heap filling in shells and bake.

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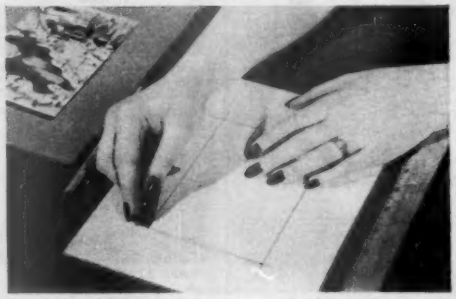

4 ***Cut bevel-edged hole in matting.*** Put the ruler aside—your razor line will guide you. Tip your razor blade to a 45-degree angle and start cutting the bevel-edged hole. Work from one corner to within a fraction of an inch of the next. When all four sides are cut, bevel the corners. After the hole is cut, check the bevel all around. Then cement the corners of the matting to the backing—so the picture will be easy to handle.

5 ***Passe-partout long edges of glass.*** Now lay the cemented print aside. You're ready to start the frame. Cut two strips of passe partout; each strip should be half-inch longer than the long edge of the glass. Fold the strips in half lengthwise. Then moisten one half of each strip and smooth it onto the glass. Be sure to moisten and apply each strip separately. Press out all the air bubbles with your ruler so binding will lie smoothly.

6 ***Passe-partout long edges of backing.*** Turn the glass over and make sure it's spotless. This is your last chance to clean it. Lay the cemented print on top of the glass—with the matting side facing the glass. Moisten the second half of each passe partout strip and pull it gently up and over the backing. (It's easier to work at the edge of the table.) Press out air bubbles with your ruler. Now cut off the excess binding at the ends.

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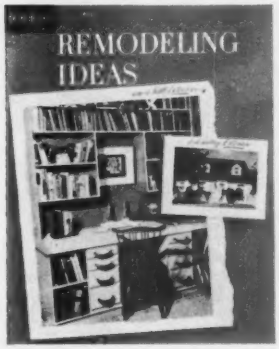

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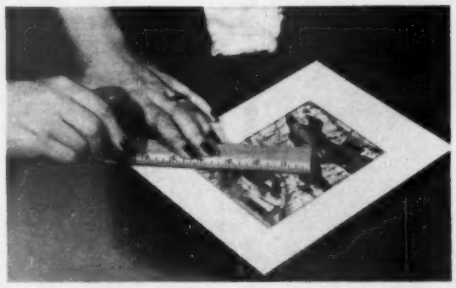
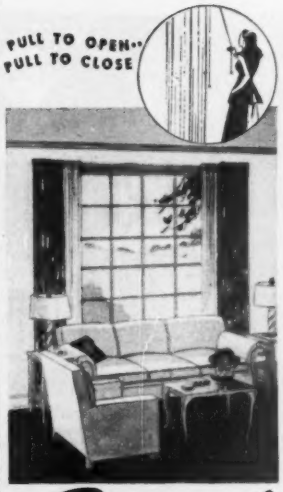


7 ***Passe-partout short edges of glass.*** Turn the picture over to the glass side again, and cut two strips of passe partout to fit the short edges of the glass exactly. (Don't allow any extra half-inch.) Fold both strips in half lengthwise. Now carefully moisten the middle part of half of each strip; smooth the passe partout lightly into place in the center of the edges of the glass. Next, miter the corners by laying your ruler diagonally across the ends of the passe partout. Cut the miter with a razor. Gently tear off the little triangles of binding that are left. Then moisten mitered ends of passe partout and press each corner down.

8 ***Passe-partout short edges of backing—add hanger.*** Turn the picture over on its face. Moisten the rest of each passe partout strip and smooth it into place. Press out air bubbles with your fingers and ruler. You won't need to miter the back corners of the picture. Finally, fasten a gummed hanger one inch from the top and directly in the center of the picture. Be sure the hanger is at least one inch below the top of the picture, so your nail and picture hook won't be showing later.

9 ***The finished product***—in its passe partout frame, your picture is fine enough for any room.



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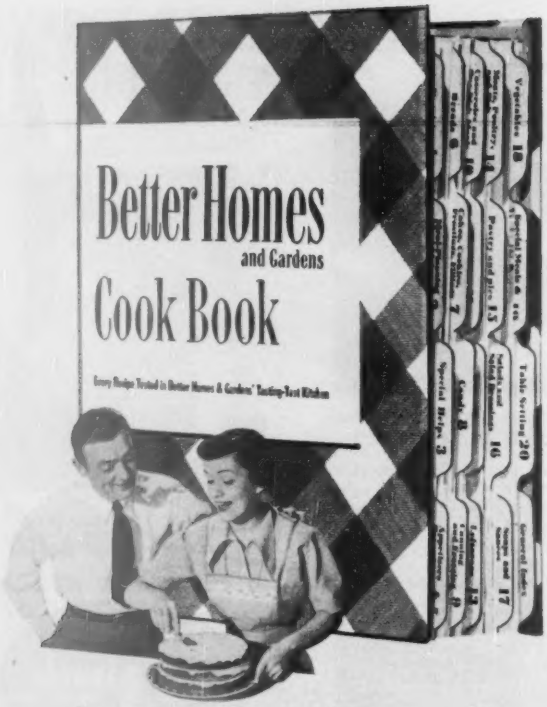

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Deep-dish apple pie

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Sour-cream French Dressing

One delicious way to use that cup of sour cream—

½ cup salad oil
1 cup thick sour cream, whipped
1 teaspoon salt
Few grains cayenne
½ teaspoon dry mustard
2 teaspoons sugar
2 tablespoons lemon juice
2 tablespoons vinegar

Gradually add oil to whipped sour cream until thoroughly blended. Mix salt, cayenne, dry mustard, and sugar with lemon juice and vinegar. Add slowly to mixture, whipping until blended. Chill. Makes 1½ cups.

Deep-dish Apple Pie

Its picture is on page 66—

8 to 10 tart apples
1½ to 2 cups sugar
¼ cup enriched flour
¼ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons cinnamon
½ teaspoon nutmeg
¼ cup butter or fortified margarine
Plain Pastry

Pare apples and slice thin; add sugar mixed with salt and spices; fill 9-inch, deep, round baking dish with apples. Dot with butter. Adjust top crust. Make apple cutouts. Bake in hot oven (450°) 10 minutes, then in moderate oven (350°) about 40 minutes. **Plain Pastry:** Sift 1 cup flour and ½ teaspoon salt into mixing bowl; add ⅓ cup shortening. Cut in with pastry blender or blending fork until the pieces are the size of small peas. Add 2 or 3 tablespoons cold water by teaspoonfuls, tossing with fork until all the flour-coated bits of fat are dampened. Turn mixture onto a square of waxed paper and press into ball. Chill. Roll pastry ⅛ inch thick.

Apple Cutouts: Draw apple on cardboard cutout for pattern. Lay on pastry and cut around pattern with sharp knife. Adjust crust on filled pie; replace apple cutouts and gash crust; crimp edges.

Stuffed-tomato Salad

To show off the beautiful, vine-ripe tomatoes on the market now—

6 large, firm ripe tomatoes
2 cups creamy cottage cheese
¼ cup minced green onion and tops
⅓ cup sliced stuffed green olives
⅛ teaspoon paprika
Lettuce
Mayonnaise

Wash tomatoes; remove core from stem end. Scoop out centers. Salt inside of each shell and chill. Blend cottage cheese, onion, and olives together. Pile in tomato shells. Sprinkle with paprika. Arrange on nests of crisp lettuce. Serve with mayonnaise. Serves 6.

Baked Apple Rings

Apples are sliced, so that good baked-apple flavor is in every bite—

6 large, firm apples
1 cup sugar
½ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ cup lemon juice
¼ cup butter or fortified margarine

Wash apples; core and slice in rings crosswise, keeping slices together. Arrange apple rings in buttered casserole, standing around edge; then fill in center. Mix sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle over apple rings. Pour over lemon juice and dot with butter. Cover. Cook in slow oven (300°) 45 minutes or until tender. Serve with

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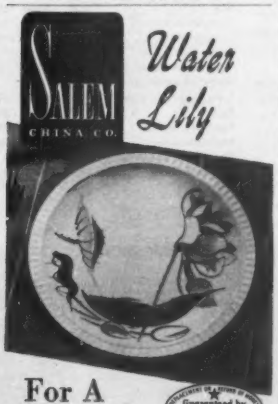

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Cantaloupe Fruit Rings

Extra-luscious if you put a scoop of mint sherbet on top—

- 2 small cantaloupes
- 1½ cups sliced peaches
- 18 orange sections
- ½ cup fresh or frozen raspberries or blueberries
- Fresh mint or water cress

Wash and peel cantaloupes. Slice each crosswise into 3 rings. Remove seeds and chill. Just before serving time, place each ring on a chilled dessert plate. Fill centers with fresh peach slices. Top each with 3 orange wedges and sprinkle with berries. Garnish with fresh mint or water cress. Serves 6.

Concord Grape Pie

Celebrate the purple grapes of autumn with a wonderful pie—

- 3 cups Concord grapes
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons enriched flour
- ⅛ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 1 recipe Plain Pastry
- 2 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine

Slip skins from grapes. Heat pulp to boiling; press through sieve to remove seeds; add skins and sugar mixed with flour, salt, and lemon peel. Fill 9-inch pastry-lined piepan; dot small pieces of butter over the filling. Cover with twisted lattice top crust. Bake in hot oven (450°) 10 minutes, then in moderate oven (350°) about 30 minutes.

Spiced Pears With Sour Cream

You cook the pears in a delicious, spicy syrup, then serve them chilly-cold with sour cream and toasted almonds—

- 6 medium, firm pears
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- Few grains salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 3 whole cloves
- ½ cup thick sour cream
- ¼ cup slivered toasted almonds

Wash and pare pears, leaving a round of peeling in center of each. Core. Cook sugars and water 6 to 8 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add lemon juice, salt, and spices. Add pears and simmer gently in syrup until tender but not soft. Remove and chill. Serve with sour cream, slivered almonds. Serves 6.

Note: Can use a few drops of almond flavoring, if desired. Sour cream-almond mixture can be used atop, or sour cream and slivered almonds sprinkled over.

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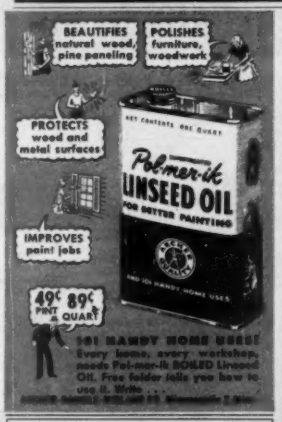

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The way the Rutlins went about learning the necessary new skills—in fact, their whole procedure from the time they decided their only chance for a home was to build one themselves—makes a good pattern to follow.

To start with, they got good plans for a home well suited to their lot. Then they made up a detailed list which let them know just what had to be done next, and the cost.

They bought books that told them how to go about every part of their work. Leonard knew one end of a saw and hammer from the other, but had to learn the other trades. What books didn't show him, he learned by kibitzing.

The Rutlins chose a basementless, single-story house, which they maintain is the easiest for an amateur to build: there are no high scaffolds to erect, there's less climbing up and down, there's a shorter chimney, and no complicated second-story framing.

Early in their building, the Rutlins found they actually were saving money: for $359.20 they completed a foundation that a contractor had asked $700 to build. Their cesspool cost $57.90, compared with a low bid of $125.

The next saving—some $300—was on the floor slab, materials for which cost $173.26. Some friends volunteered to help, and the job was finished in a half day.

The Rutlins had planned to have a contractor erect the walls, but he demanded $400 more than the agreed $1,800. So they bought another book, Leonard watched a bricklayer for an hour, and they set to work. When they finished, they had spent $1,244.85, including door and window frames, and other building materials—a saving of $1,000.

A roofing party got the rafters up—but there were three weeks of work in the shingling, outside trim, and completing the chimney and fireplace. Roofing materials cost $875, and savings in labor totaled several hundred dollars.

The Rutlins hired a plasterer and a man to tile the bathroom, and some six months after they started building, they moved into their new home. Since then they have completed the driveway and terrace, finished the utility room, painted and papered, and started building the attached garage. Here's a breakdown of their building costs:

Foundation	$ 360
Plumbing, heating*	2,625
Brickwork	1,240
Septic tank	55
Roof	875
Floor slab	170
Electrical work	160
Plastering,* partitions	750
Misc. fixtures	550
Trim, painting, tiling bathroom,* asphalt tile	525
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In addition, their home cost them this much time:

Job	Len	Gloria	Total
Foundation and fill	150	150	300
Concrete slab	20	5	25
Cesspool, digging trench for water	20	10	30
Walls, fireplace, setting windows, doors	300	100	400
Roof	180	50	230
Partitions, lathing	160	50	210
Electrical wiring	50	50	100
Doors, trim, painting, finish flooring	100	100	200
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To make their 17x20-foot living-dining room appear longer, the Rutlins added black strips to the gray asphalt tile floor, running the length of the room. To make fluorescent lighting concealed by valance more effective, they curved the joint where the ceiling and the wall meet

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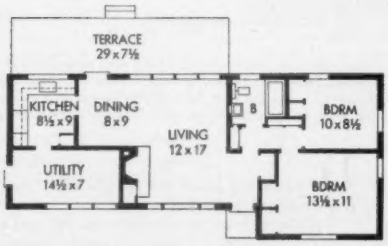
Exactness with which Rutlins planned their home is demonstrated by kitchen. It was designed to take just the metal cabinets and appliances they wanted, and it does—to the inch



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The Rutlins put two weekends of work into their terrace. They developed a short cut in mixing concrete in which to lay the colored flagstones: Sand, gravel, and cement were dumped on the terrace, then mixed in several large piles right where the cement was needed, saving hauling

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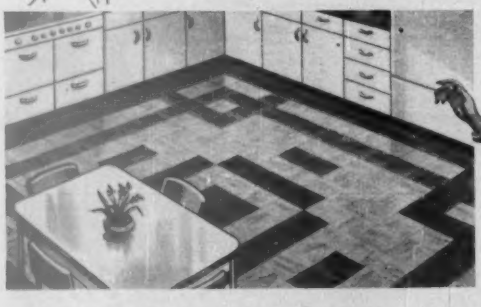

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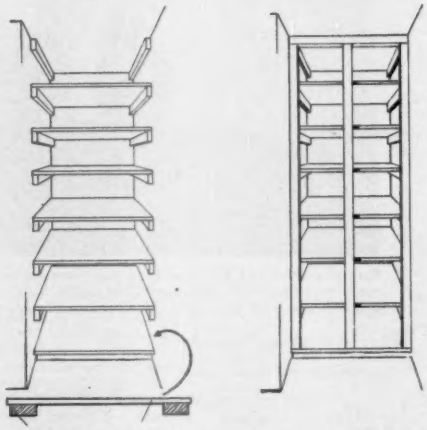

Screw into place battens (1x2s or stronger, depending on load) to hold shelves: Make sure screws hit studs; if they don't, use toggle bolts. Cut shelves of 1-inch board or ¾-inch plywood; slip in place. Frame opening with 2x2s as shown at right, bottom shelf as in sketch at left

Do you need more storage space, or do you want to dress up your home's closets?

Take a tip from the Rutlins, who formed combed plywood into interesting patterns on the doors of their hall closets, fireplace wood box, and living-room valances.

The closet was the most complicated project on which they used the textured plywood. Here's how they did it:

Fasten shelf supports to the walls, or to a frame of 2x2s built as shown in the sketches above, to divide the closet space into four parts. Cut and fit shelves. Bottom shelf rests on 2x4s. The front 2x4 is set back to form a recess.

Into the four areas marked off by the framing, fit doors of ¾-inch plywood. Attach hinges and bullet catches so doors will be flush with outside of framing, setting hinges out far enough to clear the combed-plywood facing that will go on the doors.

The 5/16-inch-thick combed-plywood facing comes in large sheets, which must be cut into blocks that will be glued and bradded to the doors. To cut squares, measure from hinged side of each door to the middle of the center post; divide that into two equal parts. Measure from bottom of lower shelf to center of the 2x2 crosspiece, and divide that length into equal parts, as nearly as possible the same length as the horizontal dimension.

Using those measurements, mark and cut the large plywood pieces, making sure you have enough blocks of both horizontal and vertical pattern to form a checkerboard design. Use scrap to face side framing. Fasten facing in place, finish with lacquer or varnish, and wax.

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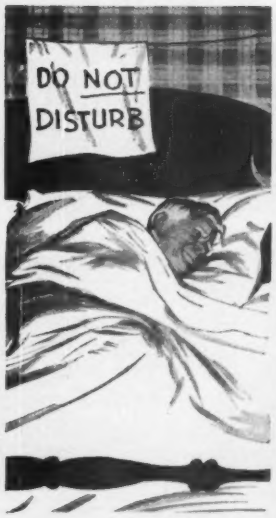

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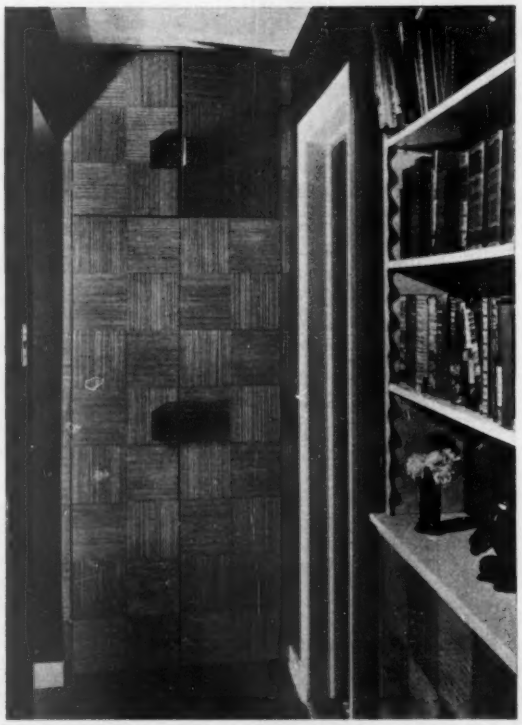
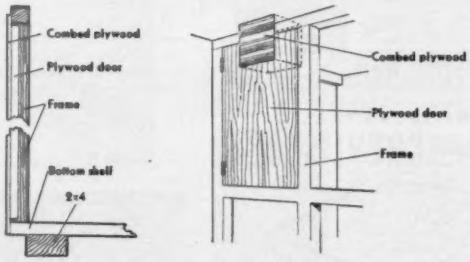
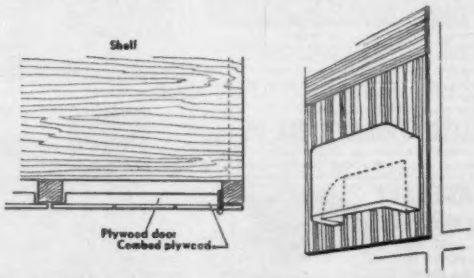


You can make decorative doors like these in the hallway of the Rutlins' home. Of ¾-inch plywood, covered by thin squares of combed plywood, doors are easy to make. Same technique can be used on other woodwork; combed plywood can be cut to form patterns, or used in sheets



Cut four doors of ¾-inch plywood to fit openings in frame, hinge flush with outside of frame. Cover doors with squares of combed plywood facing, which extends beyond doors, over frame. Glue facing on



Detail sketch shows how facing of combed plywood meets at center of framing to serve as doorstops. Handles are scraps of 2x4, hollowed to provide a grip: pad with cotton; tack fabric covering on; screw in place from inside. Cover side closet framing with combed-plywood scraps

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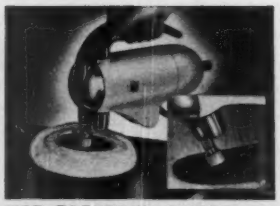

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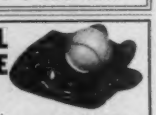

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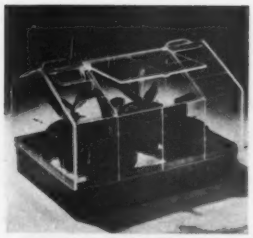

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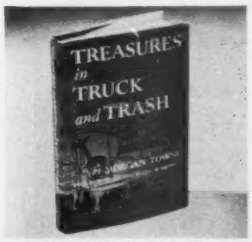

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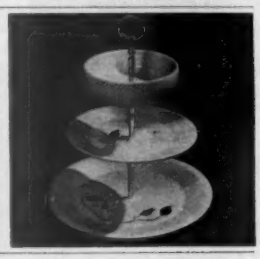

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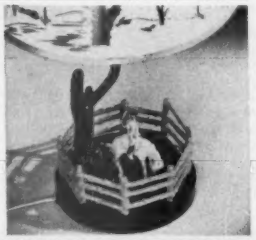

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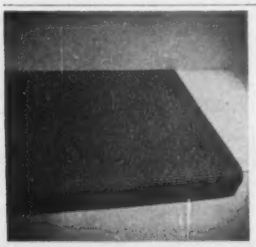

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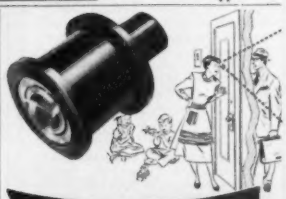

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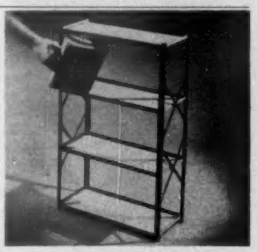

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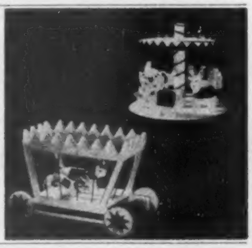

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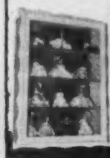

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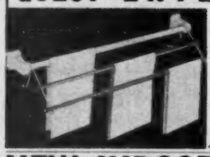

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Friends tell us we don't know what trouble is. We've had the same dependable, middle-aged sitter for five years.

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I never could understand why my wife keeps the one dress that seems too mature for her. "There are times," she finally confided, "when it helps a woman's morale to know that other women think she's too young for her dress, not that the dress is too young for her."

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One advantage of having two children, rather than one, is that when they are feeling rowdy they climb over one another, and not us.

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"Well," said my wife, "I have just read my last article on how a housewife can get twice as much done if she will only run her home like an efficient business. But how many businesses do you know that consist of a continuous series of emergencies?"

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A bachelor friend of mine argues that he is completely free, that he can pack up and go anywhere at a moment's notice. For my money, that's the bleakest definition of freedom I've ever heard.

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I can't define the virtues of good home life any more than I can say why a bowl of canned soup tastes better in our own kitchen than it does in a restaurant.

The other day I was sent out to collect all the coffee cups I have left around the house. A missing piece of fine china was finally located on a joist in the attic, where I was pondering an insulation project last summer.

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I thought our honeymoon ended when I gave up reading the paper right after dinner and began helping my wife with the dishes. But she says that's when it began.

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Whenever we find ourselves being unfair to our children, we ought to admit our error as honestly as we expect them to admit theirs. It's just as important for a child to learn how to forgive as to be forgiven.

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I don't know what my chances are for surviving the hydrogen bomb, but I'll bet they're better than my chances of surviving another basic training in the Marine Corps.

Drawings: Roy Doty

There's nothing quite so humiliating to a man trying to bluff his way through a minor repair job as to have the 8-year-old from next door tell him he's using the wrong tool.

Why do we assume that visiting youngsters are the only natural enemies of our furniture? We've had our share of jellied fingerprints, but every cigarette burn and gouged chair rung has been the work of an adult.

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One of the delights of having company for dinner is observing that your children have better manners than you suspected.

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People who say childhood diseases are trivial have never been ridden herd on by a 7-year-old cowboy with a slight case of chicken pox.

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The most attractive woman we know finally revealed her beauty secret. She goes to bed every night at 9. My wife says the next thing is to discover how she manages *that*.

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My wife handed over the entire morning mail—three bills, next week's movie program, and a letter from Aunt Jane thanking us for the birthday card. "I wish it wasn't the people you like the best who write to you the least," she said wistfully.

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When that Mr. Withers died, 60-odd callers said graciously to Mrs. Withers, "Let me know if there's anything I can do." Four others cleaned her house, bathed her children, cooked her meals, did her laundry, mowed her lawn, ran her errands, and comforted her for two weeks or more.

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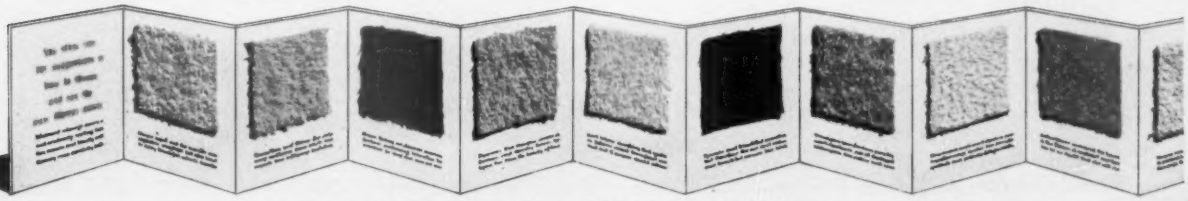

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